Anchorage Public Library Reopening Plan

As APL receives updated information from the Anchorage Health Department (AHD) and Municipality of Anchorage Administration we may modify or update these plans. These plans are based on metrics used by the CDC, AHD, and state health officials; it is our hope to keep the public and staff safe.

Anchorage Health Department health metrics and risk assessment overall risk level of "High Risk" or "Very High Risk"

- Library buildings will remain closed for public library use
- Curbside pick-up, walk-up service, online/phone reference, personal librarian, programs to go, online programs, and online resources (available at www.anchoragelibrary.org).

Anchorage Health Department health metrics and risk assessment overall risk level below "High Risk"

- Library buildings will re-open with limited services and hours
- Services include computer areas for adults and children, holds pick-up, limited personal librarian services, return items, and account services.

Anchorage Health Department health metrics and risk assessment overall risk level below "Considerable Risk"

- We will fully reopen with regular hours.
- Seating will be reduced, and furniture will be placed to encourage social distancing. Furniture will be able to be wiped down so we will be placing in storage or replacing cloth furniture that cannot be easily cleaned.
- Capacity limits maybe reduced to help with social distancing
- Signage will encourage: shared spaces like tables be limited to family groups, washing hands, use of sanitizer, social distancing, wearing masks, limit time in the library (voluntarily).
- We will resume taking money and selling bus passes.
- Meeting room rentals will be encouraged to limit numbers and use social distance.
- Programs will not resume immediately to give work groups the opportunity to plan.
- Volunteers will be welcomed back but trained on healthy practices.
- The number of computers will be reduced to help with social distancing and time will be capped at one hour.
- Mask-wearing will be required by staff and patrons.

To check current Anchorage Health Department metrics, risk assessment, and overall risk level visit: https://covid-response-moa-muniorg.hub.arcgis.com/pages/updates