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Cumberland County Public Library Book Drops Reopen Today

Library locations remain closed to the public, and a reopening date has not been announced.

FAYETTEVILLE – Cumberland County Public Library is encouraging patrons to return overdue library materials to the book drops at their convenience. The library reports up to 50,000 materials are currently checked out.

Staff will follow the Northeast Document Conservation Center quarantine procedures for the returned items. The NEDCC recommends a 72-hour quarantine of returned books as the safest and most effective way to disinfect them. The use of liquid disinfectants is harmful to the books and is not recommended.

“We’d like to start processing materials to ensure they are ready for checkout when the libraries reopen to the public,” said Jody Risacher, Library Director. “The library is also working on other measures like installing plexiglass dividers to ensure the safety of patrons and staff when the library resumes operations.”

During the closure, the library is offering temporary e-cards to Cumberland County residents without library cards. These cards will provide access to eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, online databases, continuing education courses, music and more.

For inquiries regarding limited library services, please call 910 483-7727 or use the chat feature on the website from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Cumberland County closed all eight library branches to the public and volunteers until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit www.co.cumberland.nc.us/covid19 for more information and resources. During the closure, all late fees will be waived.

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