

Lewiston Public Library to offer curbside pickup

Good news, avid readers: The Lewiston Public Library is preparing to reopen for curbside pickup. Materials will be available as of Wednesday, June 10.

A letter from the library's board of trustees stated, "We are committed to providing safe access to physical library materials through a limited curbside pickup service."

Here's how the system will work:

•Curbside pickup step-by-step:

√ Place items on hold. Use the library website to search for items currently available at the Lewiston Public Library. Items not available for request are the "Playaway" book kits and "Playaway" launchpads, as they are easily damaged when returned in the book drop.

√ Items may be placed on hold by emailing a request to lewlib@nioga.org, or by calling 754-4720, ext. 225.

√ Staff will be available to answer phone calls from noon to 4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday



and Friday; and from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday.

√ Curbside service hours are from 2-4 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday; and from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday.

√ Wait for notification. Library patrons will receive an email or phone notification when their hold is available for pickup. After one receives notification, library staff will schedule a time for patrons to pick up their items.

√ Staff will check out the items, put them in a paper bag, and place the bag with one's name on it (last name, first initial) on a table outside the front entrance of the library.

•Returns:

√ Library materials being returned at this time should be left in the outside book drop. Library staff will not accept fines or fees, or handle returns during curbside service.

YES, LIBRARIES ARE A GO

Per Empire State Development: "Libraries that are operated by a local government or political subdivision are allowed to operate as business restrictions do not apply to government agencies or entities. As a unit of local government, they are, however, subject to the 50% reduction in non-essential workforce that remains in effect and may consider alternate modes of operation (e.g. curbside or 'in-store' pickup) as they so determine. Libraries that are operated by a not-for-profit or other non-governmental organization may perform curbside or 'in-store' pickup once the region in which they are located reaches Phase 1 and may perform other 'in-store' op-

erations once the region in which they are located reaches Phase 2.

"In order to operate, you must comply with all safety guidelines for your industry, as well as any additional health and safety guidance issued by the state. Please (visit www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/offices-interim-guidance.pdf) to read applicable guidelines.

"If the link above contains guidance specific to your industry, you must affirm that you have read and understand your obligation to operate in accordance with the guidance at the bottom of the document.

"Please note that in order to be fully compliant, you must develop a business safety plan."

√ All returned items will be quarantined for at least 72 hours. Patrons are advised to allow this time for items to clear from their account.

√ Note that any overdue fines

generated during the quarantine period will be waived.

The Lewiston Public Library is located at 305 S. Eighth St. It's website is www.lewistonpubliclibrary.org.

IN THE NEWS

Niagara County Fair postponed until 2021

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County's board of directors held a special meeting on Friday, May 29, resulting in the decision to postpone the Niagara County Fair until 2021, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

A press release said, "CCE realizes that this decision will cause great disappointment within the community, but deemed this decision necessary in order to ensure the health and safety of our area residents and aid in the containment of COVID-19. CCE is heartbroken for the small businesses, 4-H youth, competitors and exhibitors impacted by the decision. This was not an easy decision to make, and many efforts were explored to identify ways to preserve the Niagara County Fair experience."

Though the County Fair won't take place, CCE staffers are planning to virtually host a showcase of 4-H animals who would also be available for purchase in an online auction. Information on the virtual auction will be available at a later date at www.ccenigaracounty.org.

Niagara Wine Trail reschedules Wine Festival

The Niagara Wine Trail shared this message via email:

Dear Friends,
It is with great sadness that we announce the postponement of the 12th Annual Niagara Uncorked Wine Festival in Lewiston on July 25th and July 26th due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our wineries have come to this conclusion after exploring many different options and possible solutions to the unique situation. First and foremost, we cannot create a safe environment that excludes the same type of experience we have come to provide and that is expected of the event for our attendees, staff, volunteers, and vendors. Secondly, we also believe we would not be granted all of the permits needed to legally operate the same type of event this year.

We are so grateful for all the love

and support the festival and our wine trail has received. Current ticket holders for the event and season pass holders need not take any action, they will be able to use their tickets for the rescheduled festival. The dates for the 12th Annual Niagara Uncorked Festival in 2021 will be July 31st and August 1st.

We are working hard to create ways that you can still enjoy the wonderful wines, mead, and cider our region offers this summer in a safe environment. Links and more information on how you can enjoy our products and participate will be on the Niagara Wine Trail website and our Facebook page.

If you are able, we ask you to please continue to support all of our wineries and the local businesses in our region.

Niagara Hospice events going virtual

In placing the highest priority on the health and safety of the community, Niagara Hospice is adapting its annual special events schedule into virtual events for the remainder of 2020. The organization's special events department has developed alternative activities, including trivia night and paint kits, and virtual versions of the Hospice Gran Fondo bike ride and Mighty Niagara Half Marathon & Hospice Dash 5K, to engage with supporters of all ages and interests.

Details for all virtual fundraising options are available at www.NiagaraHospice.org/SpecialEvents.

Anyone interested in receiving more information can sign up for the events newsletter at the bottom of NiagaraHospice.org or by emailing information@NiagaraHospice.org.

For more information, call the special events department at 280-0766.

Paddles Up reimagedined

The Niagara River Greenway Commission announced the 2020 Paddles Up at Beaver Island State Park has been canceled due to the current COVID-19 restrictions and the concern for partici-

pants' health.

This would have been the 15th anniversary of the event meant to highlight paddling on the Niagara River.

In its place will be an online paddling event where participants can

post photos and videos of their adventure on area waterways.

The "Paddles Up Solo" Facebook Event will take place from July 17-31. People can take a picture or video of themselves paddling during this time and post

it to the "Paddles Up Solo" Facebook Event page. They will automatically be entered into a random drawing for one of three prizes. Visit the Niagara River Greenway Facebook page for event details.



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