

Library Reopens in Phase 3.5

The Salt Spring Island Public Library has moved to Phase 3.5 of reopening following the British Columbia COVID-19 restart plan.

During this phase, the Library offers:

- Continued Library Take-out Service
- FULL collection access, no closed aisles
- Book browsing (30 minutes per person/family)
- Holds pick up
- Lit Kits for young Home Learners (16 different themes)
- Computer and printer use (no other seating at this time)
- Device charging station
- Tech tutoring on Wednesdays 10am-1pm.
- Books, DVDs, magazines, audiobooks, etc.
- Museum and art gallery family passes
- Guitar and ukulele loans
- Interlibrary Loans
- Free Mystery bags in the lobby
- Program room now rentable for groups under 12

Hand sanitizer is available upon entry and at self-checkout stations. Masks are recommended because the advised 2m social distance required inside at all times can be breached, and your safety matters.

There is no study or lounge space during this time, but the Library is providing 4 computers for 60-min. sessions, personal computer or device use, or device charging during Library open hours which are currently 10am-5pm, Mondays through Wednesdays, and 10am-3pm Thursdays through Saturdays. Computer usage from 3pm-5pm is limited to student and family use.

Children and teen materials no longer incur fines and patrons are no longer blocked from borrowing due to fines less than \$100. The Library has undertaken enhanced cleaning protocols, invested in personal protective equipment (PPE) for volunteers and staff, installed plexiglass safety barriers (thanks to Windsor Plywood), and has defined waiting areas in the lobby and outside. Returned materials are quarantined for 24 hours and library equipment has been upgraded, including touchless payment and checkout operations. To protect the health and safety of the public, staff and volunteers, please stay home if you are sick. In addition to the above changes, check out our adult poetry and literary event offerings by Zoom.