Library Reopening Update
November 2, 2020
Criteria for Public Inside Library

• The Board of Trustees plans to open the library to our public as soon as safely possible. *

• Sanitizing equipment is backordered 20 weeks. It was ordered in late May as soon as CDC guidance recommended either installing it in ductwork or improving ventilation. Board of Trustees will be reevaluating options tomorrow night.

• Library will coordinate opening with the municipal buildings.

* Library Board of Trustees President’s letter is posted at https://chathamlibrary.org/library-reopening-plan
Right Now

- **Library Takeout Service**: You may request items by placing holds in the library catalog at [www.chathamlibrary.org](http://www.chathamlibrary.org) or making requests by phone or email.
- **Interlibrary Loan** has resumed:
  - You may request items from other libraries.
- **Home Delivery** is now available.
- **Virtual Browse** is now available.
Virtual Browsing

Use a smartphone or tablet with Facetime or the Google Duo (coming soon) app.

Call the library at 973-635-0603 or email librarian@chathamlibrary.org to set up an appointment.
Library Takeout Hours Extended

Service hours were extended on August 11 and again after Labor Day:

- Monday through Thursday 10-8:30
- Friday 10-5:30
- Saturday 10-4:30
- Sunday 2:30 – 5:00
1. Come to the back entrance of the library
2. Go up the ramp, following social distancing rules
3. Enter the back foyer, one person at a time
4. Find your items – they are arranged alphabetically by last name
5. Your books are already checked out to you – just take them and exit down the steps
6. Go Home and Enjoy Your Books!
Library of the Chathams
In Accordance with LOC Reopening Plan
Adopted May 19, 2020

Adapted from *Best Practices For Reopening New Jersey Libraries*, Taskforce On Post COVID-19 Alignment, Trends and Strategies (TOPCATS)

Cleaning/Sanitizing Routine based on CDC’s *Reopening Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools*
Questions Asked by Residents:

How do I get a library card:  mycard@chathamlibrary.org
How can I get reading ideas:  librarian@chathamlibrary.org

Get weekly virtual programs by email at  www.chathamlibrary.org
Weekly programs by telephone:  908-326-6143
Questions and Suggestions Welcome

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