

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

This page will be updated as the situation changes.

Fallsington Library Service Restoration Plan

Updated June 5, 2020

Bucks County has been designated by Governor Wolf as being in the COVID-19 Yellow Phase beginning June 5. The Fallsington Library, like all Bucks County Free Library branches and District member libraries, is getting ready to open.

While we have set out an approximate timeline for restoration of other services, **please be aware that the timeline may change because the situation remains fluid.**

As directed by the Pennsylvania Office of Commonwealth Libraries, we have adopted phased-in re-opening plans so we can serve you safely. Our libraries will be following all requirements set out by the Commonwealth in its business orders for operational and building safety as we re-open.

The Fallsington Library will have new open hours, effective June 8, 2020: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 2 to 5 pm; Tuesday, Thursday 2 to 8 pm; and Saturday 10 am to 1 pm.

Three Phases of Re-Opening

In the first phase, which begins June 8, our staff will return to our building. For one week we will handle backlogs of materials and process book returns.

In the second phase, beginning June 15, we will offer curbside pickup.

In the third phase, about mid-July, we will open our building to the public.

Phase One Begins June 8: Library Users May Return Items

Starting Monday, June 8, library users can return items to our book drop. We may set out additional boxes or other receptacles to handle the extra influx of materials, if needed.

All returned items will be quarantined for 72 hours before they can be processed. It may take several days for your returned items to be cleared from your account. Please be assured we late fees will not accrue during this time. However, you will still be responsible for charges that were on your account prior to our March 14 closure.

No libraries are accepting book donations. Please do not bring any donated items to the library.

[Phase Two Begins Between June 15: Curbside Pick-Ups & Online Summer Quest](#)

Be aware that if something is on the shelf at our library you will receive it more quickly than an item that needs to be shipped from another library.

You will be able to request items for pickup by placing a hold in our catalog or calling the library.

We will let you know by e-mail or phone when your order is ready. You may then set up an appointment for pickup.

Park in front of the library when you arrive at the library. Call us at 215-295-4449, and someone will bring your items to you. Pop your trunk, and have your driver's license ready for identification purposes. Your materials will already be checked out and a receipt will be included with your materials.

We are not accepting returned materials at curbside because they must be quarantined. If you need to return materials we will ask that you put them in the book drop or other receptacle.

We are not accepting payments at curbside. Borrowing privileges are suspended if your fees reach or exceed \$10. If you need to make a payment on your account in order to access library services, call us at 215-295-4449 during our new open hours, and we will work out a plan for you to make a payment. If your fines are under \$10, there's no need to pay them until after we reopen to the public.

Summer Quest Begins June 20

Summer Quest kicks off on Saturday, June 20, as an online program with activity challenges, reading challenges, virtual badges, and raffle drawings for real prize baskets. We will post information on Summer Quest on our website and Facebook page. Printed logs will be available for pickup at the library beginning Monday, June 15. Please call ahead to let us know you're coming, and call again when you arrive. We'll bring your log out to you.

Summer Grab & Go Programs will be offered for children age 17 and under on alternating Tuesdays this summer. Registration is required on LibCal, BCFL's online calendar, on buckslib.org (under Events, choose Fallsington). Details are available on LibCal.

Phase Three Begins Between July 6-13: Buildings Open

Bucks County libraries are targeting early to mid-July as when we will open to the public. Our collections will be available for browsing and checkouts. Limited computers and seating areas will be available.

Staff will be wearing masks and practicing as well as enforcing social distancing. Signs near the service desk will be in place to indicate where to line up or wait for help.

Library users will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing while in the library.

Per Pennsylvania's business orders, we must limit the number of people in the library to no more than 50% capacity. You will see when you enter the library that computers and furniture have been moved or removed to allow for social distancing.

Depending on how busy the library is, you may need to wait to enter until others leave. During busy times, we may enforce per-person time limits for computer use and length of time inside the library.

The Fallsington Library will be following all requirements set out by the Commonwealth in its business orders for operational and building safety. Our reopen plan closely follows the BCFL plan:

Bucks County Free Library Re-Opening Plan Summary

Phase One Begins June 8

- Libraries are closed to the public
- Book returns are open
- Libraries offer phone service
- Library users may place holds and make purchase suggestions
- Book and materials donations are NOT accepted
- No late fees will accrue
- Remote services continue

Phase Two Begins Between June 15-25: Curbside Pick-Ups

- Libraries are closed to the public
- Curbside pickups begin
- Summer Quest activities are offered online
- No late fees will accrue
- Remote services continue

Phase Three Begins Between July 6-13

- Libraries are open to the public with limited service and hours
- Curbside pickups continue
- Remote services continue