



<i>Contact</i>	Stephanie Park	FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE Thursday, May 28 th 2020
<i>Telephone</i>	519-271-0220	
<i>Email</i>	spark@stratford.ca	
<i>Website</i>	www.splibrary.ca	

Stratford Public Library Announces Stage 1 Reopening Plan

Stratford, ON, May 28, 2020 – The Stratford Public Library is pleased to announce a 3-step process for its Stage 1 Reopening Plan. Although the building has been closed for over two months, the Library has provided a comprehensive suite of digital programs and services, as well as a robust online collection. In the coming weeks, the Library will begin offering even more services to the public.

"The Library is committed to providing safe library services within the framework of the Province's Stage 1 of reopening," states Julia Merritt, CEO. "At this time it will be able to provide a limited curbside drop-off and pickup service to complement the wide range of online services. We thank everyone in advance for their patience and understanding as we work through a new model of service delivery to our community."

Step 1: Book Drop Re-opens

The book drop is now open on: Tuesdays: 4-8pm, Thursdays: 4-8pm, and Saturdays: 12-4pm.

- No fines will be incurred and there is no pressure to return items
- All materials will be quarantined for 72 hours before being checked in
- No material donations can be accepted

Step 2: Place Holds

As of **June 1**, customers will be able to place holds on materials over the phone and through the online catalogue. Keep an eye on our website and social media channels for updates.

Step 3: Curbside Pickup

Beginning on **June 9th**, staff will start processing orders for materials and providing safe ways for customers to pick up selections. More information is available at <http://splibrary.ca/Reopening>

The Stratford Public Library would like to thank the residents of Stratford for their patience during this closure. **We're in this together.**

###

For more information about Stage 1 Reopening Plan, contact Julia Merritt at jmerritt@stratford.ca.

