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Lee County Library System to begin contactless curbside pickup

Next step in county plan to phase-in services set for Wednesday

Lee County, FL, April 28, 2020 – Library patrons will be able to pick up materials being held for them as the Lee County Library System starts contactless, curbside pickup at four branch locations.

Beginning Wednesday, April 29, curbside pickup will be available 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday from for patrons with library materials being held at the following locations:

- Cape Coral Lee County Library, 921 SW 39th Terrace, Cape Coral, FL 33914
- Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers, FL 33919
- North Fort Myers Library, 2001 N. Tamiami Trail, North Fort Myers, FL 33903
- South County Regional Library, 21100 Three Oaks Parkway, Estero, FL 33928

To use contactless, curbside pickup, patrons with holds available for pick up at one of the pilot locations can drive to the main entrance of the library, stay in their car, and call the telephone number provided on the signs at the location. The staff member who answers will ask the patron for their library card number, check out their materials and bring them out to the designated spot. The patron can then pick up their materials and depart with their items.

Library staff at these locations will be available only to bring out held materials.

The contactless curbside pickup, approved at an emergency Board of County Commissioners meeting Tuesday, is part of the county's phased-in approach for residents. Last week, the county resumed exterior book returns at all branches for patrons to drop off checked-out materials. No fines are being assessed for items overdue because of library closures during the COVID-19 pandemic. Due dates have been extended due to the closures. Library branches are unable to accept donations at this time.

Further announcements on library operations will be forthcoming. There is no set date at this time for when libraries will reopen.

Additional questions for library patrons can be directed to 239-479-4636, text 239-204-5321, chat at leelibrary.net or email askalibrarian@leegov.com.

County leaders continue to monitor data and work with its partners Lee Health and the Florida Department of Health as it relates to the county's phased-in approach to re-opening sites. The county continues to encourage the Centers for Disease Control's recommendation for social distancing.

For additional Lee County updates, visit www.leegov.com/covid-19.

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About the Lee County Library System:

The Lee County Library System, founded in 1964, has 13 branches to serve Lee County residents. The library currently has more than 1.5 million items available. Currently more than 294,000 Lee County residents are registered users.

For more information, call 239-479-INFO (4636) or visit www.leelibrary.net.