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## **Lexington Public Library Announces Phased Reopening Plan**

*Curbside service begins June 8 at Eastside Branch*

Lexington, Kentucky (May 13, 2020) – This evening, after its regularly scheduled monthly board meeting, Lexington Public Library officials announced details on a gradual reopening of its facilities in accordance with Governor Andy Beshear’s phased plan to reopen Kentucky businesses. The Library’s physical locations have been closed since March 13 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The plan calls for curbside service to start at the Eastside Branch, located at 3000 Blake James Drive at the corner of Palumbo Dr and Man O War Blvd, on Monday, June 8. Customers are asked to keep library materials that they have previously borrowed until further notice. The state has not yet released guidelines for reopening governmental entities, so the library facilities will remain closed to the public at this time. Additional plans will be announced as they are finalized.

“We are excited to begin the reopening process of the Lexington Public Library,” said Executive Director Heather Dieffenbach. “Our top priority remains keeping our cardholders, volunteers, and staff safe by following the preventative precautions and guidelines provided by the Health Department along with state and local leaders.”

The Library’s Virtual Branch, which has seen unprecedented usage over the past two months, will continue to operate and is available to all library cardholders. This resource allows customers the ability to access collections of Ebooks, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, tutorials, and other resources at [www.lexpublib.org](http://www.lexpublib.org). The Library plans to continue online programming on social media and digital platforms.

All late fees remain suspended until further notice, and due dates have been extended during the closure.

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### **About the Lexington Public Library**

The Lexington Public Library serves a merged city-county jurisdiction of 300,000+ people through a central library, 5 neighborhood branches, community-based services, and rapidly expanding virtual services. In addition to traditional library services, we support a digital studio with a full array of video and audio editing equipment for customer use; an art gallery; state of the art theater for live performances, movies, and presentations; a job lab where customers can get personalized help with resumes and job applications; a bilingual homework help program; a library YouTube channel; and a "Book a Librarian" program for customers who need in-depth research assistance, reader’s advisory, or help with their digital devices. Whatever your age or interest, you can expand your horizons and exercise your brain by visiting the "people's university" – your local public library. Here you will find resources, programs, and experts to help you explore any topic you desire. Lexington Public Library is ready to welcome you!