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Quisenberry Library reopens to public, curbside services available

challenges for our staff to face in order to provide library services in the safest way possible. The library system will reopen branches on a staggered schedule that allows staff to have a full day of hands-on training at their home branch based on the latest advice from local, state and federal health officials. They should be ready to open each library's doors to the public on the following day with the confidence gained from having learned new procedures of doing their normal library work."

Seven of the largest libraries, including Clinton's, set opening dates for June. Eudora Welty Library in downtown Jackson opened its doors Wednesday, June 3, and Willie Morris opened on Tuesday, June 8. Medgar Evers set June 11 and Margaret Walker Alexander, June 16, to begin library services again. Others will open in late June and July.

All hours at these branches will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Saturday. Furr asks that patrons keep in mind that not all areas of the libraries will be available at first. Due to social distancing concerns, customers will be able to access only about half of each library's public computers, most of the book stacks, the circulation desk and the library restrooms. Other areas of the

building, such as the quiet reading areas with lounge furniture, study tables, print magazines and newspapers, and group study rooms will remain closed until the virus threat recedes. The meeting rooms in most libraries will not be available to the public due to the difficulties with cleaning the areas and the fifty-percent capacity rule in the recent Governor's order.

Furr said, "We hope that many of our senior patrons who are more vulnerable to the virus will take advantage of this new text-based service or order books by just calling their local library on the phone. Staff members will be standing by to help customers order items for curbside pickup at each of the libraries opening in July."

She noted that of all the services offered, the most inquiries concern use of the public access computers at each library.

"We know that many of our customers depend on our public access computers and fast internet bandwidth to look for employment and apply for jobs. With the huge numbers of persons recently unemployed needing to file unemployment claims and look for jobs, we know that demand will be very heavy at all of our locations."

For more information, call the Clinton-Quisenberry Library at 924-5684.



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