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## The Salt Lake City Public Library to Reopen for Express Services on Monday, September 21

- The Salt Lake City Public Library (The City Library) will reopen all eight locations on Monday, September 21.
- Express Services is the next phase in the Library's reopening plan, allowing the Library to continue offering vital services while maintaining COVID-19 precautions.
- Libraries will be open Mon–Sat, Noon–6pm.
- Face masks will be required at all times, and social distancing measures will be enforced.
- The Library was last open on Saturday, March 14, 2020.

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — Beginning Monday, September 21, The City Library will open for Express Services, the next step in the Library's phased reopening plan. Express Services will include 30-minute computer sessions, access to fax/copy machines, holds pickup, item return, and reference assistance.

All eight City Library locations will be reopening: the Main Library (downtown), along with the Anderson-Foothill, Chapman, Day-Riverside, Glendale, Marmalade, Sprague Firehouse Express, and Sweet branches. Hours for all locations will be Mon–Sat, Noon–6pm.

The Library will continue to take COVID-19 precautions. Public areas and materials will be sanitized. Social distancing protocols will be enforced. Properly worn facemasks, covering the mouth and nose, will be required at all times when inside the Library. Lounge-seating areas have been removed, and bookshelf areas remain closed. More information is available at <a href="slcpl.org/express-services">slcpl.org/express-services</a>.

"We are delighted to be able to open our doors safely and welcome our community back inside our buildings. While we have been able to circulate materials the last few months using Holds To-Go, we miss our patrons, and we are excited to see them in-person again," said Peter Bromberg, Executive Director of The City Library system.

Last spring, the emerging COVID-19 pandemic forced the Library to close its doors out of precaution for the health and safety of Library patrons and staff. Since then, Library Staff have been hard at work, adapting Library services to this strange new time. The Library's collection of eBooks and digital audiobooks has grown significantly; book clubs, storytimes, and other Library programs have regularly taken place in virtual online spaces; and new patrons can register for library cards online. Click here to learn about even more ways that The City Library has continued to serve the community during its closure.

The City Library consists of a Main Library and seven branch libraries with a staff of over 300 smart, compassionate, and dedicated people who are deeply committed to supporting and advancing the success of every customer they serve and making lives better for residents of Salt Lake City. The City Library serves an engaged community where 80% of citizens hold library cards with a cardholder base of over 161,000. The Library plans and hosts roughly 4,600 events annually. The Main Library attracts visitors from around the world to take in the stunning architecture, attend cultural festivals, and enjoy the 360-degree view of the city from its Rooftop Garden.

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Hello, media friends. We're thrilled to announce that The City Library will be reopening for Express Services, starting Monday, September 21. Please read the attached press release for more information, including hours, services offered, and pandemic precautions. Feel free to reach out if you'd like clarification or more details!

Best,

Quinn