

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

August 26, 2020

Electronic Meeting
Pursuant to and in Compliance with
City of Richmond Ordinance No. 2020-093

11:45 a.m.



Richmond Public Library Board

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Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

11:45 a.m.

A G E N D A

This meeting will be held as an electronic meeting pursuant to and in compliance with the City of Richmond Ordinance #2020-093. The public may participate by using Richmond Public Library YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/2VfKL9U>, where it will be Live Streamed. Viewers may watch and comment during the presentation. Citizens are able to offer any formal public comments no later than Tuesday, July 21, 2020 by 5:00 p.m. to: Library Director Scott Firestine, Phone: 804.646.4550 or Email: scott.firestine@richmondgov.com.

Call to order: 11:45 a.m. Mr. William Yates

Agenda Mr. William Yates

Consent Agenda: Mr. William Yates

- Approval of Minutes-July 22, 2020 Regular Meeting
- Approval of Pending Gifts
- Approval of Statistical Report

Public Comment Period:

Reports: 12:00 p.m. Ms. DeBoer/Mr. Dishon
 • Library Friends Ms. Hansen
 • Library Foundation Mr. Firestine
 • Administration Reports

Board Committee Reports: 12:10 p.m. Mr. Yates
 • Chairman
 • Finance Committee Mr. Firestine
 • Facilities Committee
 • Governance Committee

Unfinished Business 12:30 p.m. Mr. Yates
 • COVID19 Open Status

New Business 12:40 p.m. Mr. Yates

- Committee Selection – September Meeting

Adjourn Mr. Yates

Next Meeting:
September 23, 2020
Main Library/Electronic Meeting
11:45 a.m.

Library Board Meeting Minutes - DRAFT
July 22, 2020

PRESENT: Chair William Yates, Vice Chair David Lydiard, Emily Altman, Barbara Burton, Christine Peterson, Daisy Weaver, Janet Woody

STAFF: Scott Firestine, Clay Dishon City Attorney Laura Drewry, Cheryl Clarke, Karin Hansen, Gianna Pack, Friends of the Library Chair Ruth DeBoer

ABSENT: Tanya Francis

Meeting of the Richmond Public Library (RPL) Library Board of Trustees (LBOT) was called to order by Chair William Yates at 11:45 a.m. This meeting was held as an electronic and in-person meeting pursuant to and in compliance with the City of Richmond Ordinance #2020-093. The public participated by using Richmond Public Library YouTube channel <https://bit.ly/2VfKL9U>, where it was Live Streamed. A quorum was established.

Agenda	<p>Approve the July 22 , 2020 Agenda as submitted by roll call vote:</p> <p>Chair William Yates – AYE Christine Peterson – AYE Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE Daisy Weaver – AYE Barbara Burton – AYE Janet Woody – AYE Emily Altman – AYE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>AYES: <u>7</u> NOES: <u>0</u> ABSTAIN: <u>0</u> Approved Unanimously.</i></p>
Consent Agenda	<p>Approve the June 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes, Statistical Reports, and Pending Gifts Report as submitted.</p> <p>Chair William Yates – AYE Christine Peterson – AYE Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE Daisy Weaver – AYE Barbara Burton – AYE Janet Woody – AYE Emily Altman – AYE</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>AYES: <u>7</u> NOES: <u>0</u> ABSTAIN: <u>0</u> Approved Unanimously.</i></p>
Public Comment Period	None present.
REPORTS	
Friends of the Library (FOL) <u>Ruth DeBoer</u>	<p>No Report.</p> <p>Ms. DeBoer mentioned there was a Friends of the Library meeting scheduled via ZOOM on August 5 at 5:30 p.m.</p>

REPORTS (CONTINUED)

**Library
Foundation**

Karin Hansen

Ms. Hansen reported at the June Foundation Board Meeting one new member was voted in, Ms. Hollee Freeman, Executive Director of the Math/Science Innovation Center. She also reported current board member John Ulmschneider was voted into the position of Vice President.

Scott Firestine

The Foundation Finance Committee has been evaluating the financial systems, policies, and procedures. A new Investment and Spending Policy was established and a new endowed account called the Centennial Fund was created. The Centennial Fund will provide an annual gift to the Library for the purchase of books and materials. There will be a fundraiser for the Centennial Fund, during the Library's 100th Anniversary celebration.

Administration

Scott Firestine

Highlights and Additions to Director's Report: During the Director's Report, Mr. Firestine highlighted on the following items:

- The Libraries reopened on July 6. On July 17 a staff member at the North Avenue Branch was exposed to a confirmed case of COVID19. Through the process, the North Avenue Branch was closed for staff to get tested and to go into quarantine. During the Branch closure, there was a thorough cleaning of the building.
- On July 21 RPL experienced another confirmed contact case of COVID19 causing to close the Hull Street Branch Library. A part-time employee was contact traced and was required to be tested as well as the employees at RPL. Same protocol was followed as well as the building was cleaned while closed. Both Branches are closed for 2 weeks. Mr. Firestine also reported the website was updated and signs posted on the doors of the closed Branches.
- Mr. Firestine shared a circulation report.

The LBOT members had an in depth discussion of whether or not to go back to curbside and close all Branches and the Main Library to the public. Mr. Firestine brought forth the options for discussion:

1. Stay open and continue to face the challenges of having these exposures that may have to close Branches. Biggest challenge is lack of staff.
2. Close down completely
3. Curbside at all the Branches and Main remain open
4. Making some Branches curbside service and some Branches to be open to the public

The LBOT members asked Mr. Firestine to bring data to the next meeting to assist with making further decisions. Also, they would like feedback from patrons and from staff.

REPORTS (CONTINUED)	
Administration (Continued) <u>Scott Firestine</u>	After the discussion, there was a motion to return to curbside service. Approve all Richmond Public Library locations return to curbside service and to discuss further action at the next meeting. Chair William Yates – AYE Christine Peterson – AYE Vice Chair David Lydiard – AYE Daisy Weaver – AYE Barbara Burton – AYE Janet Woody – AYE Emily Altman – AYE <i>AYES: <u>7</u> NOES: <u>0</u> ABSTAIN: <u>0</u> Approved Unanimously.</i>
BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS	
Chair <u>William Yates</u>	No Report.
Finance <u>Scott Firestine</u>	No Report.
Facilities <u>Scott Firestine</u> <u>Janet Woody</u>	No Report.
Governance <u>David Lydiard</u>	Mr. Lidiard reported City Council will meet on July 27 to vote on four new members and two reappointments. Mr. Yates asked Ms. Weaver and Mr. Lydiard to stay on the Board until new members are sworn in. They both agreed.
UNFINISHED BUSINESS	
Discussion: Review the guidance from the Virginia Department of Health, the Governor, and collected data to determine how long RPL will remain in curbside and closed to the public status.	
NEW BUSINESS	
No New Business was discussed.	

Mr. Yates thanked Ms. Weaver and Mr. Lydiard for their hard work and dedication during their tenure as Board Members.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. by unanimous consensus from the members that were present in the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, by Electronic Meeting.

Approved: _____
Mr. William Yates, Chair

Recorder: Gianna Pack, Executive Assistant

Director's Report

August 2020

Director Activities:

Jul 27 City Council Meeting – City Hall
Jul 28 Participated in the Virtual Charrette – Broad Rock Branch Library
Jul 31 Hurricane Isaias Update – Conference Call
Aug 02 Hurricane Isaias Briefing – Conference Call
Aug 03 Council Special Meeting – City Hall
Aug 03 Tropical Storm Isaias Update and Preparatory Action – Conference Call
Aug 04 City of Richmond Closed – Tropical Storm Isaias
Aug 05 RPL Friends Board Meeting - ZOOM
Aug 07 TALD/CALD Meeting – ZOOM Meeting
Aug 11 Meeting with Jim Malise, Liberty Systems, Inc. – ZOOM Meeting
Aug 14 Mayor Levar Stoney Press Conference – Hull Street Branch Library
Aug 24 Meeting with Katie Lusk, Sirsi Dynix – Conference Call

Hiring: RPL continues to face challenges with the approval and hiring process. There are 10 requisitions still in process.

COVID 19/Employee Safety/PPE: Currently, there are no positive cases or Library staff in quarantine due to exposure to COVID19. Hull Street Branch and North Avenue Branch were the locations where contact tracing to confirmed exposures occurred. Staff returned to these Branches on August 3 after being closed and in quarantine.

Mayor Levar Stoney held a press conference on August 14 at the Hull Street Branch Library. He unveiled a plan to increase the distribution of protective masks across the city of Richmond, including giving two free masks to every resident. Residents will be able to visit nearly 50 locations throughout Richmond to pick up disposable surgical face masks at no cost. Locations include Richmond Public Library Branches, Parks and Recreation Community Centers, and Richmond City Health District Resource Centers.

Hull Street Branch Closure: On August 14, an SUV crashed into the Hull Street Branch Library just minutes before Mayor Levar Stoney was set to hold a press conference. Two vehicles - an SUV and a car were involved in the accident. The SUV ended up crashing into the side of the building. The building did suffer extensive damage and will remain closed until further notice.

Tropical Storm Isaias: RPL prepared for the tropical storm, possible hurricane, Isaias by reviewing our Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and checking emergency kits at all locations. Staff was reminded to make the same preparations at home. Partial Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation occurred on August 3. All City offices and RPL locations were closed on August 4. RPL suffered no damage from the storm.

Curbside Service: At the June 22 Library Board of Trustees Meeting, it was decided effective June 23 that all Library locations would revert back to curbside service and closed to the general public entering all buildings. The public was notified via website, signage, social media channels, and direct contact (Visit <https://rvalibrary.org/services/curbside-pick-up-service/>). Library Board Members will review the guidance from the Virginia Department of Health, the Governor, and collected data to determine how long RPL will remain in curbside and closed to the public status. RPL is able to deliver many resources through our virtual and curbside service.

RFP for Master Plan: Proposal submittal date was extended to August 18, 2020. Sixteen proposals were received and will be reviewed and evaluated for a first round of interviews.

Storm Water Mitigation Plans: Broad Rock, North Avenue, and West End Branches held social distanced charrettes in person outside the library and virtual charrette via ZOOM. These planning/feedback events are part of the Greening Richmond Public Libraries, a grant in partnership with the Department of Public Utilities and the James River Association. These hosted charrettes at the selected Libraries is to develop a design plan for storm water mitigation. The James River Association also created Facebook events for the charrettes.

Richmond Public Schools (RPS) Partnerships: RPL is communicating with RPS to assist with students and families educating from home. Exploring tutoring options and curriculum support with RPL youth librarians.

Young Adults Librarian Jenn Deuell, Children's Librarian Beth Morris, and Library/Community Services Branch Manager Lisa Crisman have been riding the Lit Limo with RPS Library Media Instructional Specialist Judy Deichman and other school librarians throughout the summer. The Lit Limo operates Monday-Thursday and visits neighborhoods through the City distributing free books to kids (birth-teens). RPL staff have been helping with book distribution as well as passing out information about the Library's Summer Reading Program. This program will continue in the fall.

Ms. Deuell and Librarian Nancy Buck have been working with Secondary Instructional Specialist Victoria Garren, for Language Arts to purchase e-books for all required reading materials assigned to students. These e-books will be the primary resource for general education students in the fall semester.

Ms. Morris is putting together a collection of STEM activities that correspond with the Math and Science SOLs for Grades K-5. Reading lists will be supplied to correspond with the activities. All of this will be available through the Kids page on the Library's website in an organized and easy to access format which parents and caregivers (or educators) can use to supplement curriculum.

Ms. Morris and Ms. Deuell are transitioning Ripple's Reading Buddies into afterschool Homework Help for elementary students. They have reached out to Literacy Lab to see if they will partner with us in a virtual format, particularly to help with Spanish-speaking students and older students. RPL staff will make more contact and plans when RPS teachers and librarians return to school on August 19.

Digital Services: Virtual program successes. “Bookologist” is a bespoke readers advisory services for adults, teens, and kids. “Binge Bag” is a selection of DVDs in a keepsake RPL bag for a movie watching marathon. All movie categories are intended for grownups. Binge bags are available through curbside-pick-up-service.

Ask-A-Librarian (June 30 – July 31):

Questions via Chat	Questions via Text or Email	Total
28	47	75

RPL @ Home Newsletter (June 30 – July 31):

Issue Date	Number of Subscribers	Grand Total of Emails Sent
7/3	14,075	14,075
7/10	Suspended	Suspended
7/17	Suspended	Suspended
7/24	Suspended	Suspended
7/31	14,057	28,132

Social Media (June 30 – July 31):

Platform	Followers (June 30)	Followers (July 31)	Net Trend	New Posts	Total Post/Page Views
Facebook	3,695	3,698	+3	21	18,808 (approx.)
Instagram	2,495	2,565	+70	28	N/A
Twitter	1,400	1,428	+28	77	416 (July 31)
YouTube	72		+6	12	848

Other New Digital Programs:

- Teen Book Boxes (Teen) – 21
- Virtual Teen Trivia (Teen) – 1
- Teen Advisory Group (Teen) – 3
- Crafty Hour Kits (Teen and Adult) – 210
- Animal Crossing Scavenger Hunt (Teen) - 8
- Ripple’s Reading Buddies (Children) – 10
- Bunker Book Club (Adult) – 77 members, 19 active participants
- STEAM Bags (Children) – 625
- Bookologist – 14
- Lit Limo with RPS (Family) – 215

CIRCULATION														
LOCATION	FY	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Total
Belmont	FY18	10,836	10,486	8,290	8,385	7,353	6,096	7,651	7,545	8,099	7,402	7,632	7,864	97,639
	FY19	8,429	8,074	8,103	7,888	7,303	6,144	7,099	6,630	8,077	6,712	6,436	7,110	88,005
	FY20	7,451	7,560	7,207	7,097	5,795	5,963	6,495	6,449	3,028	11	6	1,044	58,106
	FY21	4,292												
Broad Rock	FY18	4,574	4,062	3,726	3,809	3,665	3,096	3,308	2,986	3,132	3,304	2,910	3,289	41,861
	FY19	3,910	3,609	2,671	3,217	2,505	2,086	2,488	2,801	2,843	2,389	2,419	3,119	34,057
	FY20	3,652	3,036	2,939	2,998	2,323	2,389	2,331	2,347	1,166	5	10	291	23,487
	FY21	1,570												
East End	FY18	3,635	3,481	3,033	2,948	2,632	2,281	2,698	2,574	2,838	2,637	2,865	3,325	34,947
	FY19	2,996	2,648	2,614	2,820	2,587	2,176	2,915	2,451	2,249	2,046	2,087	2,534	30,123
	FY20	2,696	2,663	2,476	2,574	2,020	2,240	2,219	2,431	1,061	15	0	381	20,776
	FY21	1,431												
Ginter Park	FY18	5,751	6,070	5,338	5,152	4,854	3,898	4,327	4,370	4,522	4,653	4,023	5,263	58,221
	FY19	5,211	5,163	4,864	4,278	3,762	2,812	3,864	3,653	4,408	3,384	4,174	4,381	49,954
	FY20	4,397	4,580	4,030	3,823	3,332	3,021	3,599	3,327	1,690	0	0	736	32,535
	FY21	2,829												
Hull Street	FY18	2,947	3,155	2,178	2,106	2,202	1,772	2,218	2,304	2,241	2,034	1,824	2,147	27,128
	FY19	2,010	2,305	3,323	1,844	1,838	1,852	2,287	1,870	1,854	1,828	1,976	2,026	25,013
	FY20	3,082	1,912	2,065	2,508	2,128	2,012	2,012	1,846	1,020	6	14	377	18,982
	FY21	873												
Main	FY18	10,304	11,144	9,794	9,946	9,126	7,750	9,149	8,706	9,223	8,069	7,769	8,155	109,135
	FY19	8,719	8,877	8,655	9,774	9,099	8,202	9,418	8,749	9,621	9,177	8,795	9,300	108,386
	FY20	10,098	9,666	8,766	9,068	7,683	7,728	8,141	8,884	4,104	1,067	40	916	76,161
	FY21	4,804												

CIRCULATION (CONTINUED)

LOCATION	FY	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
North Avenue	FY18	3,112	3,455	3,238	3,802	3,011	2,562	3,094	3,328	3,093	2,580	2,271	2,269	35,815
	FY19	2,979	2,493	2,709	2,918	2,390	2,059	2,604	2,264	2,367	2,887	2,243	2,657	30,570
	FY20	2,962	2,210	2,462	2,197	1,689	1,925	2,731	1,722	865	91	15	170	19,039
	FY21	692												
West End	FY18	826	3,012	7,426	8,165	7,940	6,974	7,981	7,390	8,641	8,882	9,802	11,202	88,241
	FY19	11,660	11,438	10,076	10,172	8,539	7,313	9,145	7,434	9,007	8,380	8,746	9,681	111,591
	FY20	11,712	10,702	9,142	8,743	8,067	8,072	9,006	9,183	4,541	80	127	1,897	81,272
	FY21	6,888												
Westover Hills	FY18	8,685	8,571	7,262	7,133	6,933	6,324	6,895	6,548	6,576	6,660	6,186	7,501	85,274
	FY19	8,071	7,787	7,566	7,102	6,120	5,364	7,072	6,155	6,511	6,120	5,793	6,435	80,096
	FY20	7,419	7,175	5,888	6,137	5,631	5,376	6,043	6,342	2,946	70	8	1,561	54,596
	FY21	5,425												
E-Content	FY18	4,676	4,689	4,042	4,125	3,923	3,874	4,566	4,224	4,835	4,935	5,409	5,320	54,618
	FY19	5,985	6,407	5,683	5,581	5,278	5,874	6,375	5,874	6,532	6,132	6,424	6,798	72,943
	FY20	7,526	7,283	6,250	5,145	4,926	5,365	6,125	5,380	6,643	9,558	11,344	10,649	86,194
	FY21	10,776												
TOTALS	FY18	55,346	58,125	54,327	55,571	51,639	44,627	51,887	49,975	53,200	51,156	50,691	56,335	632,879
	FY19	59,970	58,801	56,264	55,594	49,421	43,882	53,267	47,881	53,469	49,055	49,093	54,041	630,738
	FY20	60,995	56,787	51,225	50,290	43,594	44,091	48,702	47,911	27,064	10,903	11,564	18,022	471,148
	FY21	39,580												

DOOR COUNT	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	TOTAL
Belmont	1,865												1,865
Broad Rock	1,398												1,398
East End	2,229												2,229
Ginter Park	1,261												1,261
Hull Street	1,208												1,208
Main	2,895												2,895
North Avenue	1,025												1,025
West End	1,678												1,678
Westover Hills	1,518												1,518
TOTALS FY21:	15,077												15,077
TOTALS FY20:	81,759	79,026	71,250	70,158	57,245	52,729	62,154	64,890	30,917	0	0	0	570,128
TOTALS FY19:	70,641	73,411	62,975	66,230	62,257	48,425	63,139	60,259	67,552	68,862	67,399	70,910	782,060

PROGRAMS FY2021	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	TOTAL FY21	TOTAL FY20
Belmont														
Adult Programs	0												0	115
Adult Attend	0												0	646
Young Adult Programs	0												0	10
Young Adult Attend	0												0	45
Juvenile Programs	0												0	27
Juvenile Attend	0												0	473
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,164
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	152
Broad Rock														
Adult Programs	0												0	89
Adult Attend	0												0	498
Young Adult Programs	0												0	68
Young Adult Attend	0												0	589
Juvenile Programs	0												0	162
Juvenile Attend	0												0	2,745
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,832
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	319
East End														
Adult Programs	0												0	350
Adult Attend	0												0	2,080
Young Adult Programs	0												0	22
Young Adult Attend	0												0	84
Juvenile Programs	0												0	130
Juvenile Attend	0												0	777
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,941
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	502

PROGRAMS FY2021 (CONTINUED)	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	TOTAL FY21	TOTAL FY20
Ginter Park														
Adult Programs	0												0	209
Adult Attend	0												0	2,389
Young Adult Programs	0												0	16
Young Adult Attend	0												0	102
Juvenile Programs	0												0	56
Juvenile Attend	0												0	690
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,181
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	281
Hull Street														
Adult Programs	0												0	92
Adult Attend	0												0	464
Young Adult Programs	0												0	16
Young Adult Attend	0												0	118
Juvenile Programs	0												0	49
Juvenile Attend	0												0	584
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,166
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157
Main														
Adult Programs	0												0	196
Adult Attend	0												0	5,465
Young Adult Programs	0												0	77
Young Adult Attend	0												0	804
Juvenile Programs	0												0	198
Juvenile Attend	0												0	4,039
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10,308
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	471

PROGRAMS FY2021 (CONTINUED)	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	TOTAL FY21	TOTAL FY20
North Avenue														
Adult Programs	0												0	191
Adult Attend	0												0	1,046
Young Adult Programs	0												0	19
Young Adult Attend	0												0	141
Juvenile Programs	0												0	64
Juvenile Attend	0												0	1,201
Total Attend	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,388
Total Programs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	274
West End (*Adult Book Club Meets on the Patio/Social Distancing)														
Adult Programs*	1												1	81
Adult Attend	6												6	696
Young Adult Programs	0												0	8
Young Adult Attend	0												0	38
Juvenile Programs	0												0	72
Juvenile Attend	0												0	951
Total Attend	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1,685
Total Programs	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	161
Westover Hills (*Adult Book Club Meets via ZOOM)														
Adult Programs*	1												1	183
Adult Attend	8												8	3,167
Young Adult Programs	0												0	11
Young Adult Attend	0												0	161
Juvenile Programs	0												0	131
Juvenile Attend	0												0	3,683
Total Attend	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	7,011
Total Programs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	325
Grand Total Attend	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	55,095
Grand Total Programs	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4,312

COMPUTER USE	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	TOTAL
Belmont Workstation	369												369
WIFI	290												290
Broad Rock Workstation	365												365
WIFI	238												238
East End Workstation	311												311
WIFI	325												325
Ginter Park Workstation	275												275
WIFI	357												357
Hull Street Workstation	250												250
WIFI	346												346
Main Workstation	539												539
Childrens Workstation	0												0
WIFI	1,247												1,247
North Avenue Workstation	214												214
WIFI	384												384
West End Workstation	207												207
WIFI	235												235
Westover Hills Workstation	231												231
WIFI	326												326
TOTALS FY21:	6,509												6509
TOTALS FY20:	28,117	28,674	26,036	27,447	21,130	22,167	25,353	25,300	12,723	1,500	792	1,612	220,851
TOTALS FY19:	21,141	23,182	20,857	28,103	23,493	22,565	27,068	24,764	28,491	26,105	28,577	26,512	300,858

TECHNICAL SERVICES - ITEMS BY LOCATION										
FY2021	Belmont	Broad Rock	East End	Ginter Park	Hull Street	MAIN	North Avenue	West End	Westover Hills	OverDrive
Jul-20	148	102	113	118	106	254	110	189	163	141
Aug-20										
Sep-20										
Oct-20										
Nov-20										
Dec-20										
Jan-21										
Feb-21										
Mar-21										
Apr-21										
May-21										
Jun-21										
Branch Total FY21:	148	102	113	118	106	254	110	189	163	141
Branch Total FY20:	3,061	1,959	1,957	2,374	1,471	5,159	1,610	3,447	3,083	2,733
Average:	148	102	113	118	106	254	110	189	163	141

NEW PATRON CARDS													
FY2021	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	Total
Belmont	40												40
Broad Rock	25												25
East End	21												21
Ginter Park	11												11
Hull Street	36												36
Main	91												91
North Avenue	19												19
West End	28												28
Westover Hills	33												33
Online Reg E-Card	344												344
Total FY21:	648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	648
Total FY20:	1,618	1,675	1,649	1,243	1,158	1,054	1,544	1,246	1,236	611	576	416	14,026

Richmond Public Library
 FY21 Operating Budget
 as of
 July 31, 2020

ACCOUNT	DESCRIPTION	Budget	Actual and Encumbered 31-Jul-20	% Spent	Balance Available 31-Jul-20
60000	SALARIES - FULL TIME	\$ 2,716,927	\$ 121,995	4.5%	\$ 2,594,932
61000	SALARIES - PART TIME	\$ 325,198	\$ 13,767	4.2%	\$ 311,432
62000	SALARIES - TEMPORARY	\$ -	\$ 1,095	0.0%	\$ (1,095)
63000	FICA	\$ 188,612	\$ 7,943	4.2%	\$ 180,668
63001	RET CON RSRs	\$ 721,527	\$ 30,665	4.2%	\$ 690,862
63002	MEDCARE FICA	\$ 44,112	\$ 1,871	4.2%	\$ 42,241
63003	GROUP LIFE	\$ 17,000	\$ 1,380	8.1%	\$ 15,620
63006	H/C ACT TEMP	\$ 555,228	\$ 27,665	5.0%	\$ 527,563
63008	STATE UNEMPLOYMENT	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
63011	HEALTH SAVINGS	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
64104	EDUCATION PAY	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
64105	BONUS PAY	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
64110	VRIP INCENTIVE	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
	Personnel Expenses	\$ 4,568,604	\$ 206,380	4.5%	\$ 4,362,223
71141	BOOKS	\$ 519,105	\$ 191,180	36.8%	\$ 327,925
71141	DATABASES	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
71142	MULTIMEDIA PRODUCTS	\$ 2,456	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2,456
72122	MAGS & NEWSPAPER	\$ 29,277	\$ 10,624	36.3%	\$ 18,653
	Collection Development	\$ 550,838	\$ 201,804	36.6%	\$ 349,034
70131	ADVERTISING	\$ 2,297	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2,297
70161	PLANNING MGMT SERVICES	\$ 223,055	\$ 1,974	0.9%	\$ 221,081
70218	VEHICLE REPAIR	\$ 2,637	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2,637
70311	PRINTED SUPPLIES	\$ 3,000	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,000
70413	MILEAGE ALLOWANCE	\$ 2,263	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 2,263
70551 1	SECURITY	\$ 294,553	\$ (6,279)	-2.1%	\$ 300,832
70552 2	CONTRACT AND TEMP PERSONNEL	\$ 22,000	\$ 35,000	159.1%	\$ (13,000)
71012	OFFICE STATIONARY SUPPLIES	\$ 3,047	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 3,047
71016	ADVERTISING	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
71143	LIBRARY OPERATING SUPPLIES	\$ 19,220	\$ (201)	-1.0%	\$ 19,421
72113	POSTAGE	\$ 4,456	\$ (2,516)	-56.5%	\$ 6,972
72121	CONFERENCES & CON	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -
72123	MEMBERSHIP DUES	\$ 677	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 677
72124 3	TRAINING	\$ 297	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 297
72131 4	COMPUTER SUPPLIES	\$ 25,662	\$ 8,283	32.3%	\$ 17,379
72153	EQUIPMENT	\$ 12,200	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 12,200
73104	BANK FEES	\$ -	\$ 91	0.0%	\$ (91)
76119	PAGERS	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
77103	FUEL-D/O VEHICLE	\$ 1,441	\$ 43	3.0%	\$ 1,398
77104	VEHICLE MONTHLY STANDING	\$ 493	\$ 41	8.3%	\$ 452
77201	INTERNAL PRINTING	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
77501	DIT CHARGES	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
80001	DEPRECIATION	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
80004	BUILDINGS & STR	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
80006	EQUIPMENT & OFFICE MAINTENANCE	\$ 7,160	\$ -	0.0%	\$ 7,160
80007	VEHICLE EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ -	0.0%	\$ -
95002	OPERATING TRANS	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	\$ -
	Other Expenses	\$ 624,458	\$ 36,436	5.8%	\$ 588,022
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$ 5,743,900	\$ 444,620	7.7%	\$ 5,299,279

1. Encumbered FY20
2. Outsourced Personnel
3. Under Budgeted Line Item.
4. Encumbered FY20.

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - General Fund Budget

Monthly Budget Report

July 31, 2020

<u>General Fund Revenue</u>	<u>FY2020-21 Budget</u>	<u>FY2020-21 Actual YTD</u>	<u>% Recognized</u>	<u>Unrecognized</u>
Lost and Damage Books	\$ 21,782	\$ 186	1%	\$ 21,596
Overdue Book Fines	\$ 66,121	\$ -	0%	\$ 66,121
Reservation - Book Records	\$ 500	\$ 255	51%	\$ 245
Room Rental Fees	\$ 300	\$ 15	5%	\$ 285
Sales Copy Centers	\$ 17,476	\$ 394	2%	\$ 17,082
State Library Aide	\$ 170,000	\$ -	0%	\$ 170,000
	<u>\$ 276,179</u>	<u>\$ 850</u>	0%	<u>\$ 275,329</u>

General Fund Operating

	<u>FY2020-21 Budget</u>	<u>FY2020-21 Actual YTD</u>	<u>% Expended</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
Personnel	\$ 3,042,125	\$ 136,856	4%	\$ 2,905,269
Fringes	\$ 1,526,479	\$ 69,524	5%	\$ 1,456,955
Books/Materials	\$ 550,838	\$ 201,804	37%	\$ 349,034
Operating Expenses	\$ 624,458	\$ 36,436	6%	\$ 588,022
Total	\$ 5,743,900	\$ 444,620	8%	\$ 5,299,279

Encumbrances YTD

\$ 215,441

RICHMOND PUBLIC LIBRARIES - Special Fund Budget

<u>Special Fund Revenue</u>	<u>FY2020-21 Anticipated</u>	<u>FY2020-21 Actual YTD</u>	<u>% Recognized</u>	<u>Unrecognized</u>
00314 - Gift to the Library	\$ 140,000	\$ 1,367	1%	\$ 138,633
00308 - Verizon E-Rate Grant	\$ 89,000	\$ -	0%	\$ 89,000
00309 - Public Law Library	\$ 298,000	\$ 9,708.00	3%	\$ 288,292
00311 - Gates Foundation	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -
00312 - RPL Foundation	\$ 16,200	\$ 8,685	54%	\$ 7,515
00313 - Friends of the RPL	\$ 22,000	\$ -	0%	\$ 22,000
00000 - Grade Level Reading	\$ -	\$ -	0%	\$ -
	<u>\$ 565,200</u>	<u>\$ 19,760</u>	3%	<u>\$ 545,440</u>

<u>Special Fund Expenditures</u>	<u>FY20 Rollover & FY21 Receipts</u>	<u>FY2020-21 Actual YTD</u>	<u>% Expended</u>	<u>Unobligated</u>
00314 - Gift to the Library	\$ 109,493	\$ 307	0%	\$ 109,186
00308 - Verizon E-Rate Grant	\$ (40,132)	\$ 17,031	-42%	\$ (57,163)
00309 - Public Law Library	\$ (56,757)	\$ 3,937	-7%	\$ (60,694)
Personnel		\$ 2,487		
Fringes		\$ 783		
Books/Materials		\$ 667		
Operating Expenses		\$ -		
00311 - Gates Foundation	\$ 12,576	\$ -	0%	\$ 12,576
00312 - RPL Foundation	\$ (85,230)	\$ 1,190	-1%	\$ (86,420)
00313 - Friends of the RPL	\$ 64,262	\$ 227	0%	\$ 64,035
	<u>\$ 4,212</u>	<u>\$ 22,692</u>	539%	<u>\$ (18,480)</u>

Encumbrances YTD

\$ 4,360

Richmond Public Library
 Foundation, Friends, Groups and Individual Donations
 FY 2020-2021

Consent Agenda: Pending Library Board Approval - Wednesday, August 26, 2020

Date	Donor Name	Current Month Amount	Purpose/Location	YTD Account Balance		
				Gift	Foundation	Friends
	<i>No Donations</i>					
	Monthly Total					
	YTD Total	\$ -	Year To Date Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Handout: August 14 Crash at Hull Street Branch Library

Two-vehicle crash ends with SUV slamming into Richmond's Hull Street Library



A car crashed into the Hull Street Branch Library just minutes before Mayor Levar Stoney was set to hold a press conference Friday morning. (Source: NBC12)

By [NBC12 Newsroom](#) | August 14, 2020 at 10:19 AM EDT - Updated August 14 at 11:00 AM

Website: <https://www.nbc12.com/2020/08/14/two-vehicle-crash-ends-with-suv-slamming-into-richmonds-hull-street-library/>

RICHMOND, Va. (WWBT) - An SUV crashed into the Hull Street Branch Library just minutes before Mayor Levar Stoney was set to hold a press conference Friday morning. Two vehicles - an SUV and a car - were involved in the accident. The SUV ended up crashing into the side of the building.

BREAKING: Two-car accident damages Hull Street Branch Library. @CityRichmondVA says one person will have to go to the hospital. @LevarStoney news conference on COVID-19 announcement still set to happen here but is delayed a bit. @NBC12 pic.twitter.com/3awDuhQxtD

One person was taken to a hospital for their injuries.

— Henry Graff (@HenryGraff) [August 14, 2020](#)



Community survey results

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-JJKH63NB7/>



In 2 weeks we gathered responses from a little over 400 patrons

Caveats:

Survey was posted to social media, library website, NextDoor, and email newsletter

*We can assume that most survey respondents probably have a computer and access to the internet

Some flyers with links to the survey were distributed curbside but no paper surveys were collected



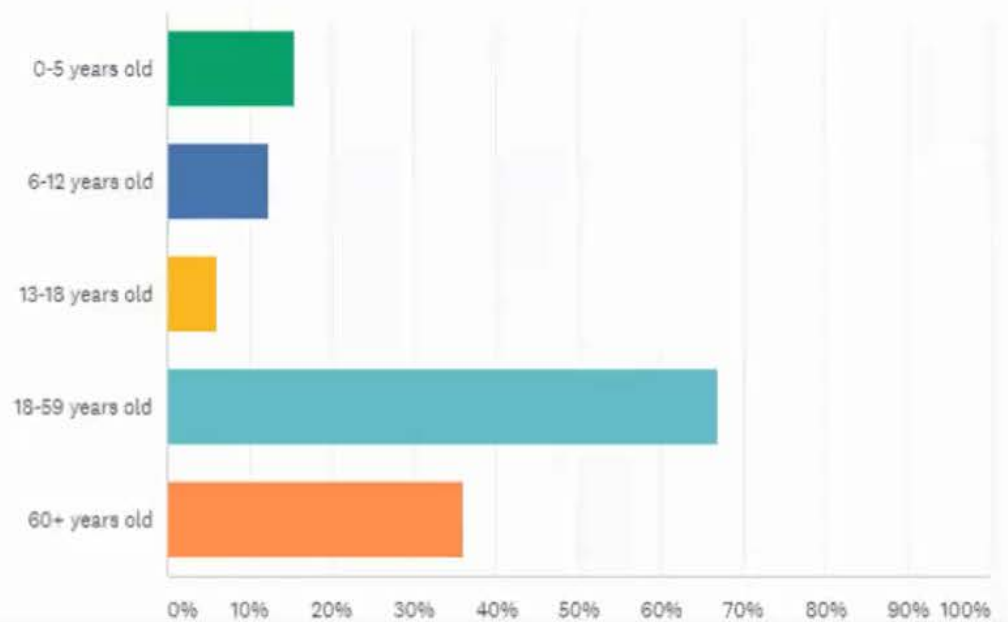
Demographics

More than 90% of those surveyed say they live in the City of Richmond

Sizable majority are over 18, most in the 18-59 range, few with children in the home

What age groups are represented in your household?

Answered: 402 Skipped: 2





Collections & borrowing

- 93% of respondents have a library card and 32% have had, or currently have, an eCard. Of the 32% with eCards, around 7% got an eCard after March 14th.
- Majority of respondents used the library for eResources and curbside checkout (as opposed to other services) since March 14th
- Majority indicated they miss browsing the stacks (79%) and they would like appointments to do so (89%)



Programming

Majority of those who attend virtual programs prefer interactive platforms like Zoom (68%)

Respondents would like to see more book clubs, and more interactive programming in general (such as storytimes, author visits)

Individual responses remarked on how they miss our craft programs, and 38% say they miss interacting with staff

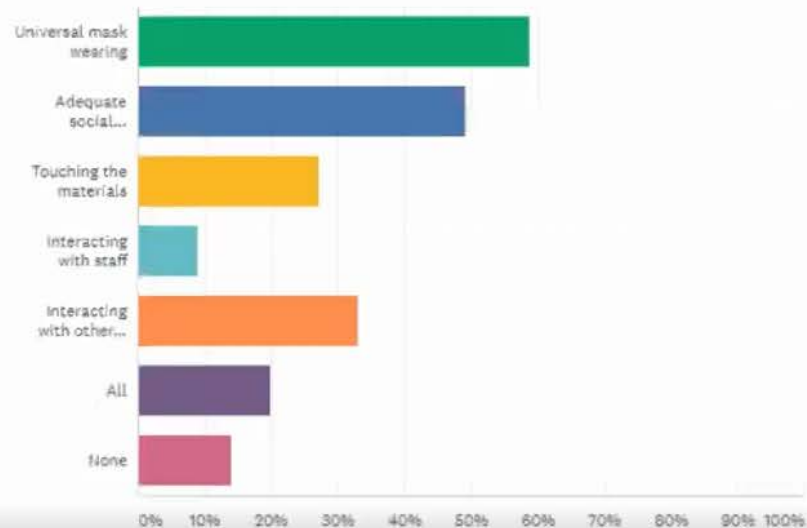
Patrons who took advantage of “take and make” crafts offered at curbside enjoyed them

55% of those surveyed do have safety concerns about using the library

While 45 % indicated they do not have safety concerns, nearly all respondents selected a safety concern from the list

What is your biggest concern?

Answered: 402 Skipped: 2





Key Takeaways

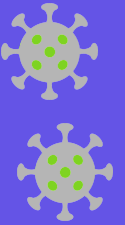
- Even our “heavy users” are often not aware of hours, programs, collections, and services
 - Some individual responses indicated they were unaware of printing services, curbside, and programs offered
- eBook users really wish we had more eBooks!
 - 51% would want more/different materials to stream or download
 - Individual responses:
 - “ more ebooks!”
 - “Many more audiobooks and ebooks, needed more even before covid.”
 - “Need more ebooks and audiobooks desperately”
 - “More Kindle content”

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RPL Staff Survey

COVID-19 Closures and Reopening Options

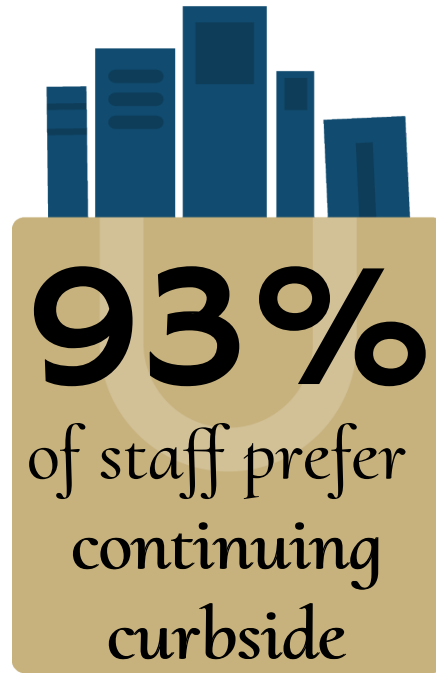
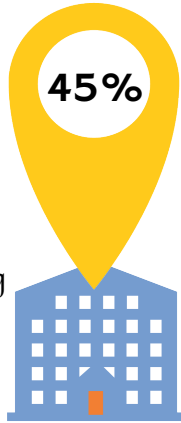


When RPL reopens, which model would you support?

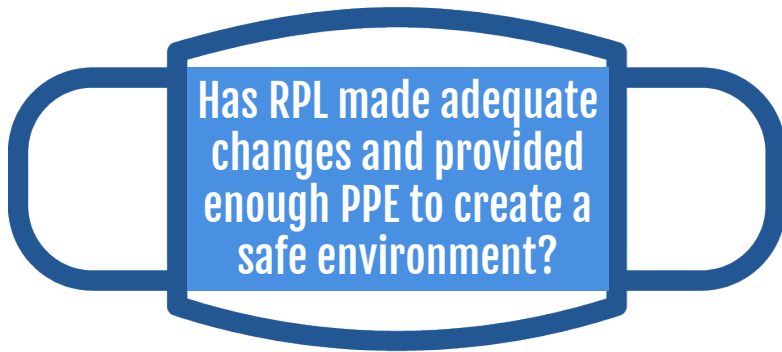
Main reopens for in-person service, branches remain on curbside.

45%

- 20% - Some branches remain on curbside, some fully reopen.
- 20% - Branches reopen on a rotating schedule.
- 15% - All branches reopen at the same time.

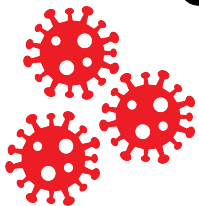


Only 4 staff said that they would prefer to reopen to the public.

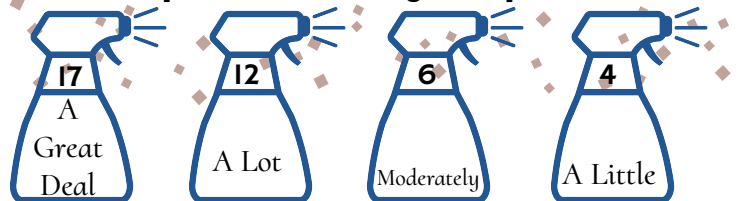


65% Yes, for both in-person and curbside service.

Yes, but only for curbside service. **33%**

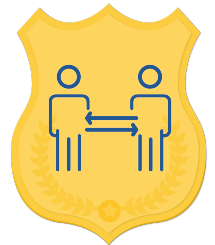


Do you feel that your safety is and has been important during the pandemic?



Do you currently feel safe at work?

- 25% Always
- 55% Usually
- 18% Sometimes
- 2% Rarely



Richmond Public Library

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<https://rvalibrary.org/>

Richmond Public Library

Phase 2 and Phase 3 Services Analysis and Recommendations Report

June 2020-August 2020

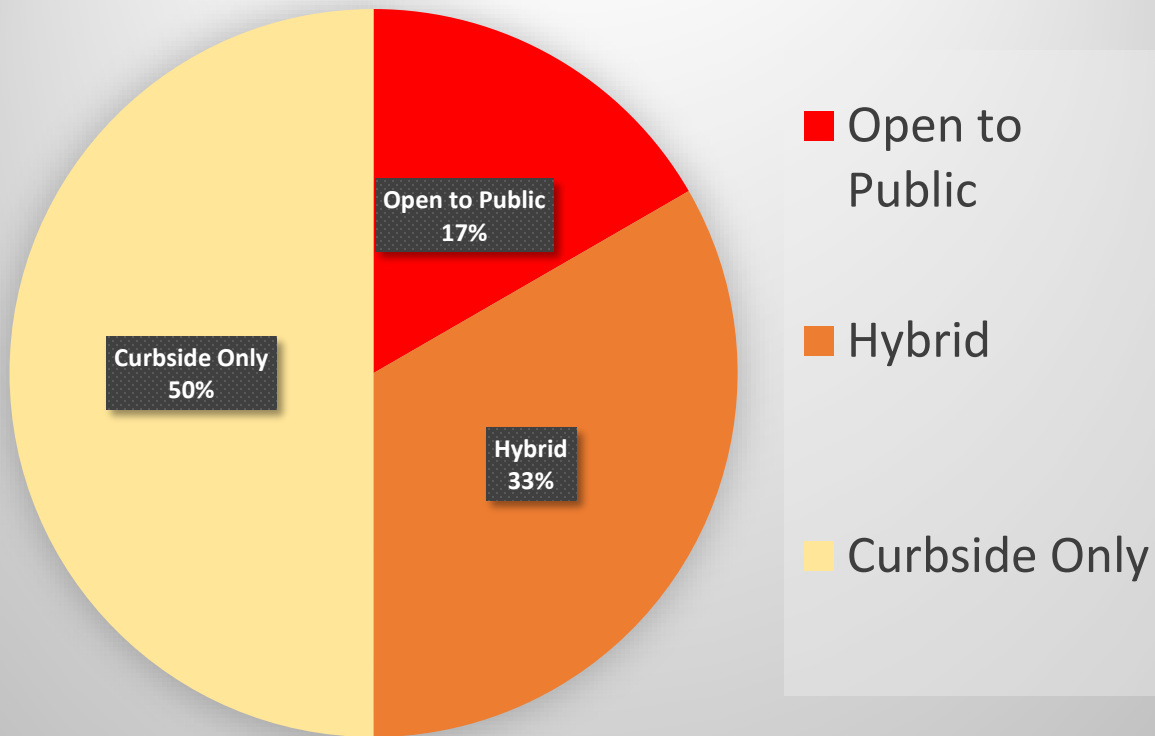
Moving Forward: Reopening & Additional Services

- ▶ At what point, can RPL open its doors to the public with business as usual?
- ▶ Are we meeting community needs? What needs are not currently being met?
How do we work towards meeting those needs as conditions improve?
- ▶ Are there quantifiable conditions that needs to be met?
- ▶ What does reopening buildings to the public procedures look like?

Library Systems in Virginia

- ▶ 92 library systems in the Commonwealth of VA
- ▶ (25) Curbside Only, (50) Allowing Public Entry, (17) Hybrid Model
- ▶ 15% of the "Open" systems have branches that are closed because of COVID

VA Libraries Serving Over 200,000 Population



- ▶ 12 library systems in the Commonwealth of VA
- ▶ 6 - Curbside Only
- ▶ 2 - Allowing Public Entry with Restrictions; "Grab & Go" model
- ▶ 4 - Hybrid Model (Some branches closed while a "hub" remains open)

RPL Empirical Data*

Total Circulation during Various Phases & Services				
Branch	Ph. 2 CS	Ph. 3 OtP	Ph. 3 MCS	Aug. 2019
BE	1376	2760	4089	7560
BR	347	822	1913	3040
EE	432	947	1538	2664
GP	897	1546	3253	4594
HS	461	564	1143	3411
MN	1247	3303	4023	9680
NA	191	389	892	2214
WH	1814	2700	7414	7182
WE	2227	4529	6573	10709
TOTAL	8992	17560	30838	51054
# of days	35 days	17 days	29 days	31 days

*thru August 20, 2020

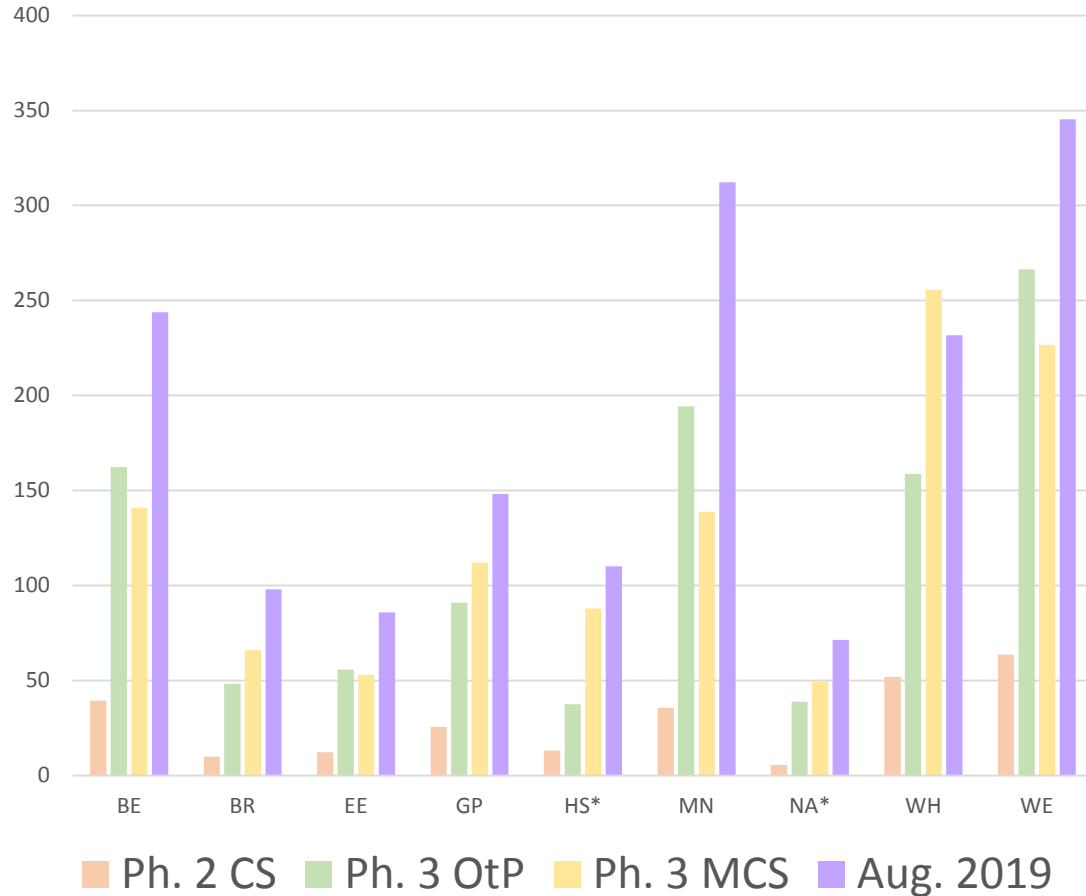
Daily Average Circulation by Branch & Phases*

Daily Average Circ. during Various Phases & Services				
Branch	Ph. 2 CS	Ph. 3 OtP	Ph. 3 MCS	Aug. 2019
BE	39	162	141	244
BR	10	48	66	98
EE	12	56	53	86
GP	26	91	112	148
HS*	13	38	88	110
MN	36	194	139	312
NA*	5	39	50	71
WH	52	159	256	232
WE	64	266	227	345
Daily Avg.	257	1053	1131	1647
% Normal	16%	64%	69%	100%

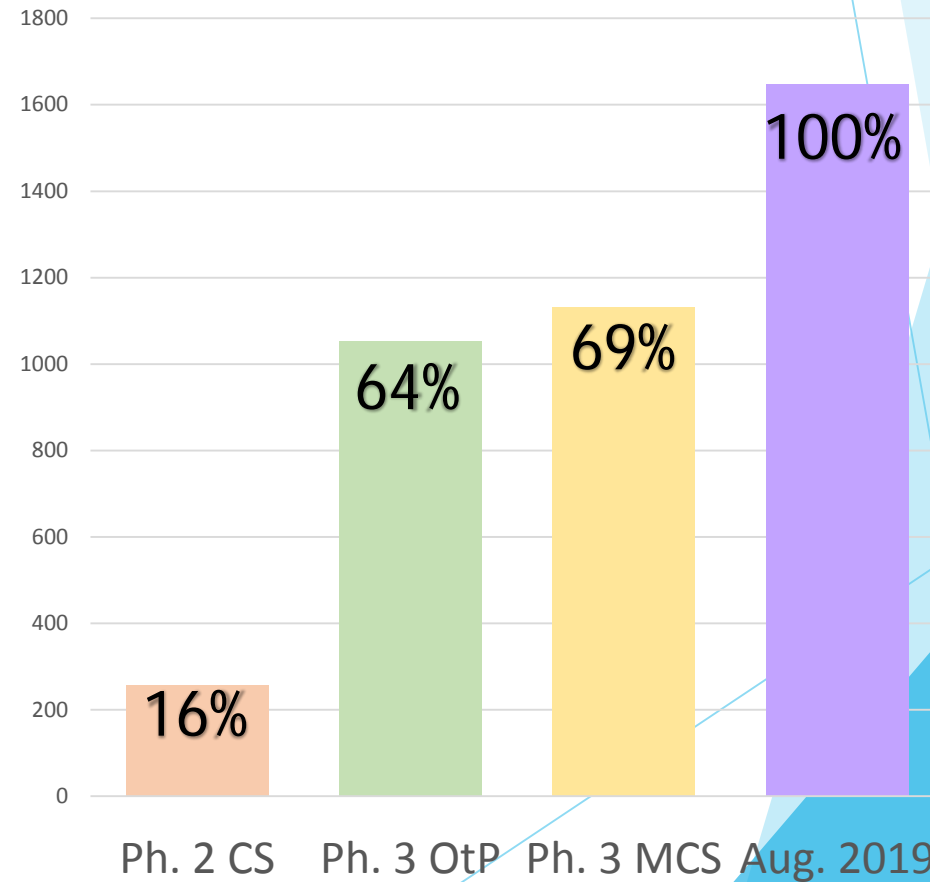
*thru August 20, 2020

Daily Average Circulation

Daily Average Circulation by Branch & Phases



RPL Total Daily Average Circulation by Phases



Additional Physical Services in Modified Curbside

- ▶ Printing Services (up to approximately 10 pages per day)
- ▶ Photocopying and scanning services
- ▶ Faxing services
- ▶ Reference inquiries by telephones
- ▶ Readers' Advisory/Concierge Services
- ▶ Other: masks distribution, soil sample kits, voter registration forms, etc.

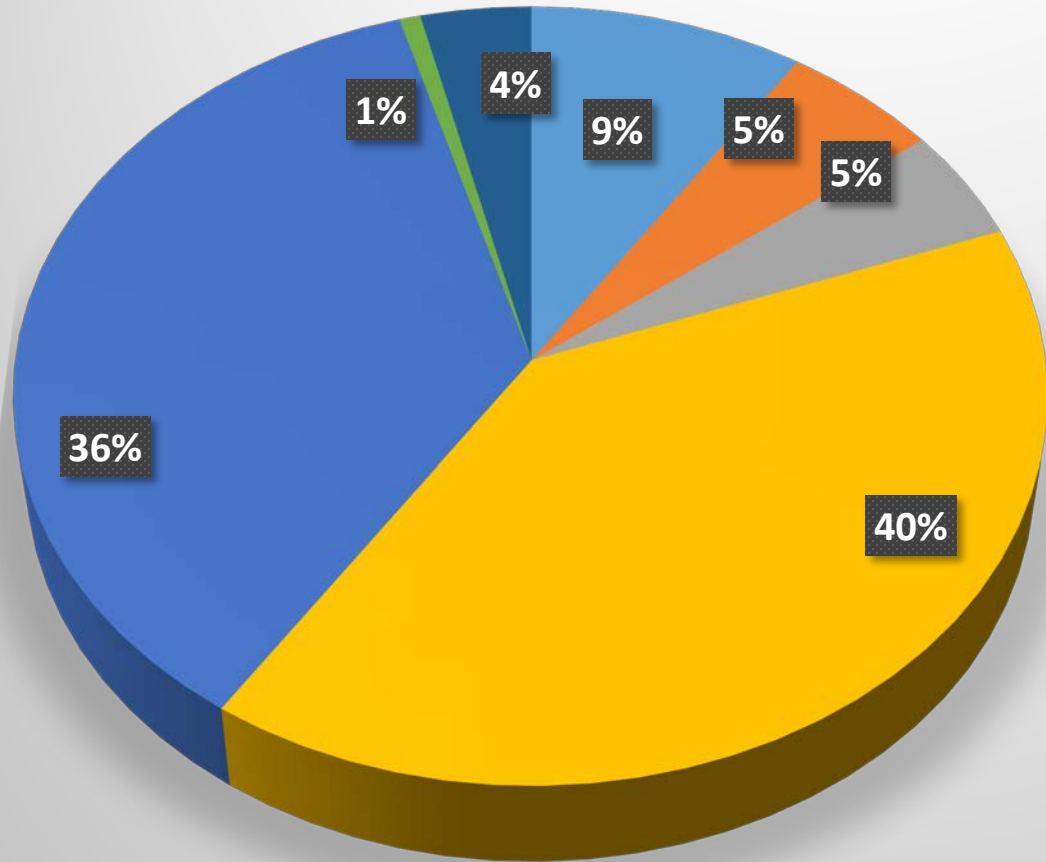
*4,331 additional patrons assisted**

- ▶ Teen Book Boxes, Crafty Hour Kits, Binge Bags, S.T.E.A.M. Bags, & Lit Limo

*1,710 made/assisted**

Additional Physical Services in Branches during MCS

RPL Curbside Service Interactions



- Printing
- Faxing/Scanning
- Photocopying
- Holds Pickup
- Reference Inquiries
- Notary Requests
- Other (Masks dist., Voter Reg., Soil Kits, etc.)

Virtual Programming

- ▶ Storytime Shorts, Full Steam Ahead, Crafty Hour Videos/tutorials
- ▶ RPL @Home Weekly Newsletter
- ▶ Bunker Book Club, Various Branch Book Clubs
- ▶ Ripple's Reading Buddies
- ▶ Teen Trivia, Teen Advisory Group, Teen Gaming programs
- ▶ Bookologist
- ▶ Ask-a-Librarian

Reopening Recommendations

- ▶ On May 12, 2020 the World Health Organization (WHO) advised governments that before reopening various organizations & businesses, rates of positivity in testing (i.e., out of all tests conducted, how many came back positive for COVID-19) of should remain at *5% or lower for at least 14 days*.
- ▶ The CDC explains that the percent positive is a key metric in Covid spread suppression. It is important to track percent positive in combination with the number tested over a period time between 7-14 days to calculate the “running average.”
- ▶ John Hopkins further asserts that daily percent positivity should be used as an indicator of COVID-19 activity when per capita testing levels are stable over the time period being assessed. They have conducted their own study on which U.S. states are testing enough to meet the WHO’s goal (5% or lower for at least 14 days). Currently, using their own formula, John Hopkins recognizes 32 states that do NOT meet the WHO’s recommended criteria because they are not testing enough to meet the positivity benchmark. Virginia is currently on that list.

Reopening Recommendations

- ▶ Looking on a smaller scale, we recommend the Board votes to move to the next phase of service to the public *at least* until the City of Richmond's running average for percent positivity equals *5% or lower for at least 14 days* per the WHO's recommendation.

Richmond
Testing Encounters PCR Only

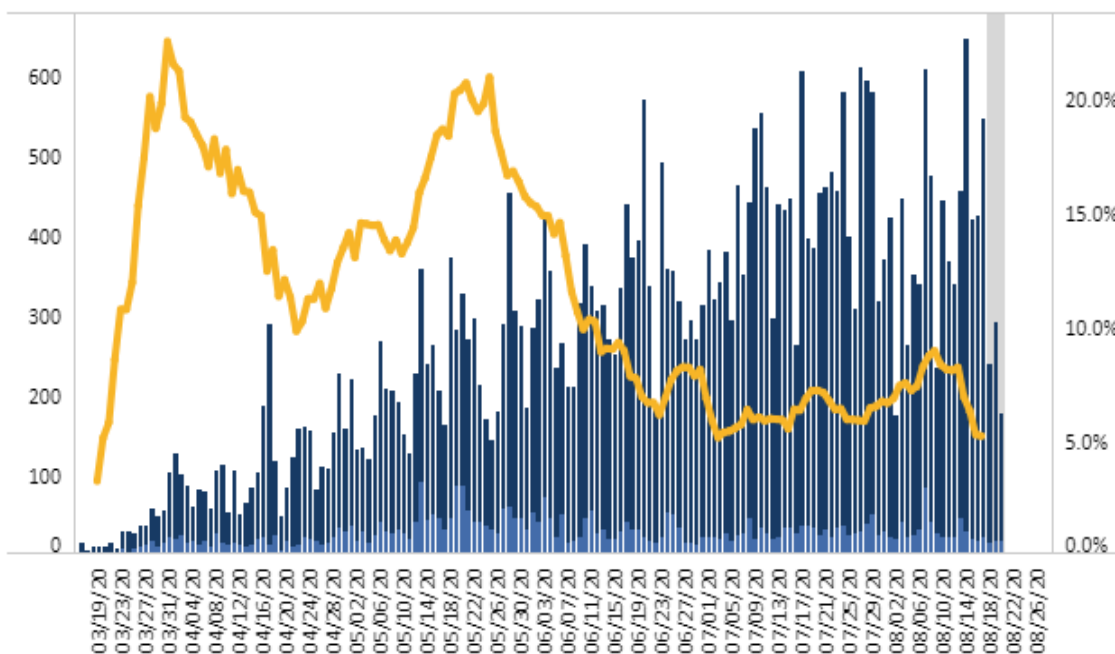
41,828

Richmond
Current 7-Day Positivity Rate PCR Only

5.1%

Number of Testing Encounters, Number of Positive Testing Encounters, and Percent Positivity** by Lab Report Date - Richmond, PCR Only

■ Percent Positivity, 7-Day Moving Average
■ Positive Testing Encounters
■ Number of Testing Encounters



-14 day average for Richmond City is currently approximately 6.6%

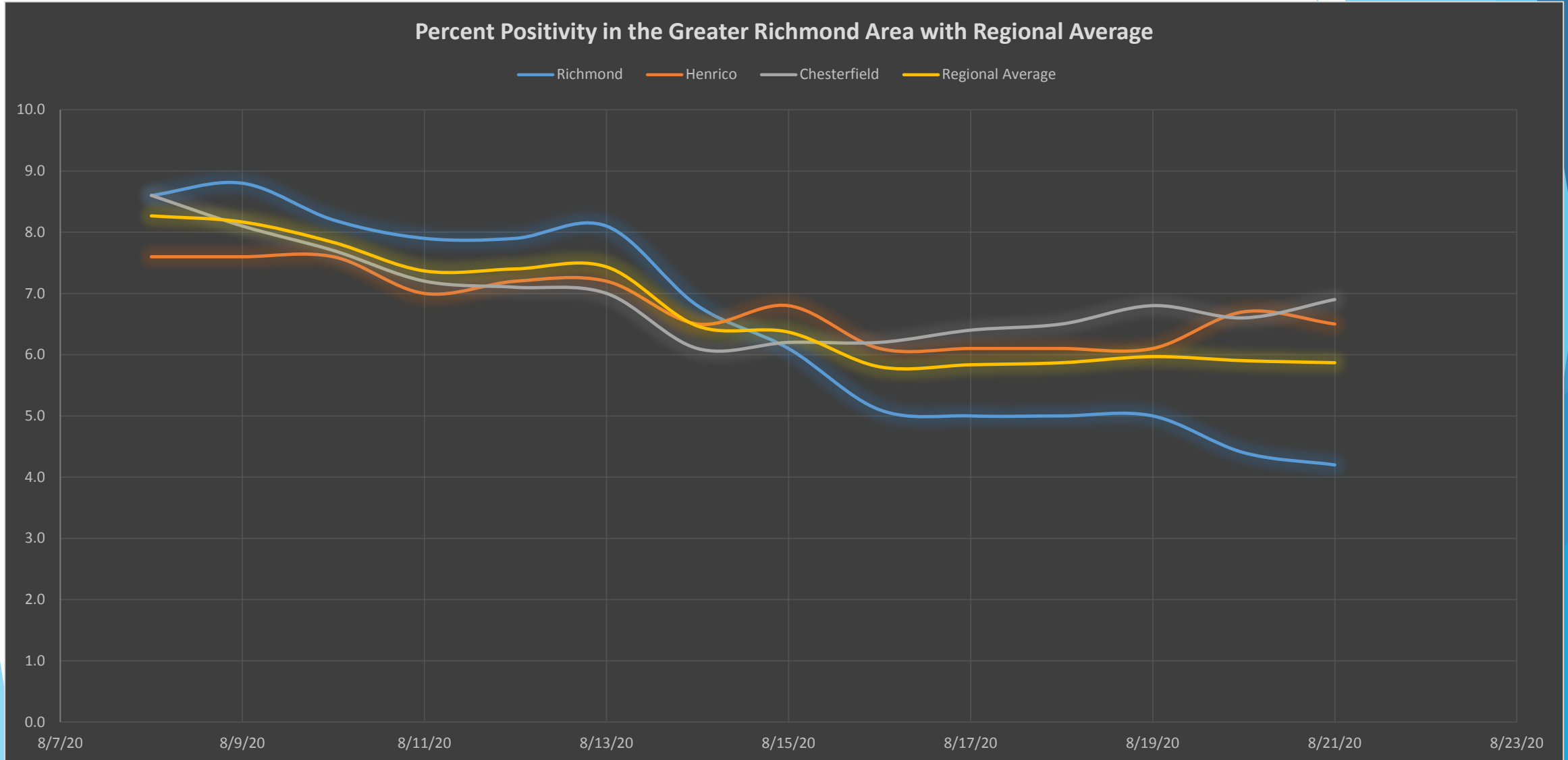
-Henrico is 6.8%

-Chesterfield is 7%

-The 14-day running average for the Greater Richmond area is 6.8%

-Remember, VDH's data runs between 4-5 days behind.

Greater Richmond Area Percent Positivity



Step-by-Step Service Recommendations

- ▶ Public Computer Usage (Step by Step Progression)
 - ▶ Start by opening the Computer Lab at the Main Library for public use by appt. only (largest and easiest to practice social distancing)
 - ▶ Patrons must schedule appt. limited to 30 minutes-1 hour (TBD)
 - ▶ Patrons must agree to a temperature check and to wear a mask while in the building
 - ▶ Due to social distancing protocols, hands-on staff assistance will not be possible
 - ▶ As demand increases add appointment only public computer use at branches following the same procedure (staffing may dictate which branches can support PC use for a time)
- ▶ Opening Buildings for public use (Step by Step Progression)
 - ▶ Start slow, limit the time period patrons can enter the building (1 day a week or set hours such as 10-12pm or 3-5pm)
 - ▶ Utilize a Grab & Go Model for those “browsing hours” (30-minute or less in the building)
 - ▶ Open Main to the public with longer browsing hours but enforcing time limits in the building.
 - ▶ Open 1 branch in the North, East, South, and West ends of the city for extended “browsing hours” while its nearby branch remains in curbside.
 - ▶ Open remaining branches with Grab N Go model.

Moving Forward: Reopening & Additional Services

- ▶ At what point, can RPL open its doors to the public with business as usual?

When Richmond leaves Phase 3, our options change. The state and the city have not made ANY moves to exit that phase at this time.

- ▶ Are we meeting community needs? What needs are not currently being met? How do we work towards meeting those needs as conditions improve?

MCS have increased circulation to approximately 70% of “normal” circulation levels across the system. Additional services (i.e. faxing, printing, scanning, etc.) have elevated overall service levels to around 75% “normal” operational function. Virtual programming continues and newly planned fall programming like SOL-based kits, virtual book clubs, and Bookologist are meeting additional expressed needs. Plans are being devised to add Public Computer Use as a service in the near future.

- ▶ Are there quantifiable conditions that needs to be met to move into next “phase” of services?

Minimum of 14 consecutive days where average percent positivity for Covid cases in the City of Richmond is 5% or lower. We must consider the nature of the library model, high-risk patronage, etc.

- ▶ What does reopening buildings to the public procedures look like?

Slow approach: computers at Main by appt., branch PCs by appt., set hours to enter buildings, Grab & Go model, slowly phase in branches & hours.

Questions?

RPL Virtual Programming

RPL is communicating with RPS to assist with students and families educating from home. Exploring tutoring options and curriculum support with RPL youth librarians. Below is a list of activities planned for fall 2020 for youth:

KIDS

Book Babies/Toddler Storytime LIVE

Join us for a LIVE storytime for babies and toddlers on Tuesdays at 10:30AM. Please visit the VIRTUAL EVENTS page at rvalibrary.org to register.

Homework Help

Students in grades K-5, if you need assistance with your homework, a project, or want to work on your literacy skills, join us for a Homework Help session. Spots are limited so register early. Go to the VIRTUAL EVENTS page on our website, rvalibrary.org, to reserve your spot.

Movement Mondays

Join us for Movement Mondays on Facebook live! Fun for all ages. Learn easy dance moves, exercise, and move your body. No experience required, just a desire to get down. This program will take place on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 4:00PM.

Preschool Storytime LIVE

Join us for a virtual LIVE preschool storytime on Thursday at 10:00AM. Please visit the VIRTUAL EVENTS page at rvalibrary.org to register.

SOL Activity Cards

Calling all parents and students in grades K-5! Need an extra activity to help you understand a specific science or math SOL? We have you covered! Visit the KIDS page at rvalibrary.org and get started!

STEAM Culture Kits

Want to learn about another culture and their traditions? Check out our monthly STEAM kits to order for pick up at your closest RPL branch. Visit the Kids page at rvalibrary.org to reserve yours starting in September.

Virtual LEGO Creators Club

Join us on the 3rd Thursday of each month via Zoom to build, chat, and share your LEGO creations. New themes and challenges will be posted each week on the KIDS page at rvalibrary.org and on Facebook @[rvalibrary](https://www.facebook.com/rvalibrary). Please visit the VIRTUAL EVENTS page at rvalibrary.org to register.

RPL Virtual Programming

TWEENS

BeTWEEN the Lines

Middle Schoolers: This podcast is especially for you! Join Ms. Jenn from Richmond Public Library and Mrs. Haas from Boushall Middle as they dig in to the best books for middle schoolers. Each month we will be talking about a new theme, discussing our current favorites, and chatting about any news in the middle grade/YA lit world. We will also feature special TWEEN guests to talk about what they've been reading, too. Our first podcast will air the beginning of October. Follow us on social media to find when!

Tween Comics Club

Whether you're a fan of superheroes, manga or graphic novels, join us for a virtual club meeting where we talk about, share and create comics together! We'll be meeting monthly at 10:30AM starting Saturday, September 26. Please visit the VIRTUAL EVENTS page at rvalibrary.org to register.

Young Writer's Workshop

Do you have a great idea for a story, but not sure what to do next? Do you think your favorite character got a raw deal, and you know exactly what should have happened instead? Have you ever stared at a blank page and an equally blank mind? We can help! Our Young Writer's Workshop will take place September 2020-January 2021 over our new Discord Server. We will release monthly video tutorials, weekly writing prompts, and have ongoing feedback on the server. This workshop is appropriate for Tweens ages 10-14. For more information or to join, please contact Mr. Louis at Louis.Maranski@richmondgov.com.

RPL Virtual Programming

TEENS

Anime Viewing Party

Join Richmond Public Library every week in September where we will be hosting an anime viewing party over our RPL Teens Discord server. As a group we will be watching a few Naruto movies and then finish the month off with the first few episodes of the insanely popular Naruto TV series. Be sure to check our online calendar for all of our virtual events and to reserve your seat. Oh, and do not forget to bring your pocky and popcorn!

Be the Change: A Social Justice Book Club for Teens

Tired of feeling like you have no control over what's going on in your community? Wanting to make a difference in the world around you? Be the Change, our new social justice book club for teens, will give you the knowledge and the tools to do just that. Our book club will run in 6-week sessions the first one being Saturday, October 10 at 2PM. Our fall topic will be voter suppression. We will explore several books, talk to important members of the community, and come up with a club project to help get more voters to the polls this year. If you are interested in joining, please contact Jennifer Deuell at jennifer.deuell@richmondgov.com or 804-646-4740.

Gaming @ the Library

Hey, teens! Ready to get your game on with Richmond Public Library? Every other month, RPL will be hosting virtual gaming programs for Super Smash Brothers: Ultimate, Mario Kart 8, and Animal Crossing. Tournaments, races, scavenger hunts, and fishing tourneys are only a few of the fun activities we will be doing in these virtual worlds. Be sure to take a look at our online calendar for all the details and to reserve your spot. We look forward to seeing you in-game!

K-pop Stans Unite

Calling all Teen K-pop Stans; Join us as we view this month's new music video releases or live comeback stages, and talk about our favorite groups and biases. The viewing parties will be on held on our Teen Discord server on September 25, October 30, November 20, December 18, and January 29 at 8:00PM. Registration can be found at rvalibrary.org under Virtual Events.

TAG (Teen Advisory Group)

Current and prospective TAG members, join us for our monthly meeting held at 5PM on the 3rd Thursday of the month. Help us plan teen programs, give feedback on the YA collection, and have your voices heard concerning all things TEEN at the library. For more information or an application contact Jenn Deuell at 646-4740 or jennifer.deuell@richmondgov.com.

Teen Book Box

Just like a subscription box, but FREE! Each month our book boxes will feature a new theme with corresponding contents. Inside you will get a book, a craft activity, and some goodies to enjoy at home. All you have to return is the book. The rest is yours to keep! Request a new Teen Book Box each month from our TEENS page on the rvalibrary.org website and we will deliver it to your nearest library location.

RPL Virtual Programming

Virtual Teen Trivia

Join us for a fun game of trivia for Teens 12-18! Just grab a pen and paper, round up some teammates, or join by yourself and have fun. Participants will answer questions on a variety of topics from books, popular culture, music, general trivia, and more! Virtual Teen Trivia will take place on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:30PM. Please visit our VIRTUAL EVENTS page on the rvalibrary.org website to register.

Virtual Volunteens

This year all our teen volunteer opportunities have gone virtual! And, we have even more new and exciting ways for you to earn those community service hours. Volunteer opportunities include co-creating social media content for the library, writing book reviews, creating book lists, videoing teen tutorials, and more! Please visit the TEENS page on our website, rvalibrary.org, to fill out an application.