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Modified Reopening of Camarillo Public Library on April 27

Camarillo, California – The City of Camarillo is pleased to announce the modified reopening of the Camarillo Public Library (4101 Las Posas Road, Camarillo) on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

"In light of current State and County health and safety guidelines allowing libraries to reopen with modifications, City staff have been working closely on reopening plans that consider the safety of both the visiting public and library staff and provides for the reintroduction of in-person library services to the community," explained City Manager Greg Ramirez.

The Camarillo Public Library, which has been closed since March 14, 2020, due to the state of emergency arising from the spread of COVID-19, will reopen to the community beginning Tuesday, April 27, 2021. The hours will be Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Curbside service will continue with modified hours, Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., which is consistent with the current peak use of curbside service.

Visitors will be allowed to browse bookstacks and check out physical materials from all areas of the library including the fiction, non-fiction, young adults, and children sections. In addition, each area will have pre-selected book bundles available for quick access and checkout. Books and other physical materials returned or handled by the public will be held in quarantine for 48-hours before being returned to shelves, consistent with state guidelines.

Both visitors and staff will be required to wear masks. Physical distancing protocols will be enforced, and furniture and chairs will be rearranged to ensure proper distancing. The use of plexiglass barriers will be used in areas where person-to-person interaction is likely to occur. Cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing will be conducted throughout the day. The number of available library computers has been reduced to provide for proper distancing, and a time restriction of one hour per user per day will be imposed. Access to printers, copy machines, and Wi-Fi will be available.

In-person library programming and private events remain unavailable at this time and will be evaluated and expanded as conditions improve. The literacy program and Russell Fischer Business Collection will continue to be offered as virtual services, and a virtual summer reading program will be added to encourage students in maintaining reading and comprehension skills during their summer break. For more information on services and programs offered at the Camarillo Public Library, please visit camarillo library.org.