

Schenectady County Public Library Board of Trustees  
Library Reopening Principles  
4/23/2020

The reopening of the Schenectady County Library will be:

**Coordinated.** The Library coordinates with our regional library systems, Schenectady County Public Health Department, and the county needs for our employees to volunteer. Some concerns about cleaning, security, and general staffing are complex and vital to reopening.

**Safe.** Considerations for the safety of our staff and patrons is paramount and will determine issues of material handling, events, and access to publications. For some time, materials will be quarantined within strict guidelines with new circulation policies. Children's equipment will be stored until it is safe to reintroduce it. Access to computers will be limited.

**Caring.** The Library is committed to enriching the lives of the residents of Schenectady in a number of ways without adding to their burden. We will continue to find ways to mitigate fines, to consider the needs of those unable to get out, and to meet the broader needs of residents for basic provisions.

**Gradual.** Because of the above issues, services and site openings will be rolled out in stages. Social and recreational uses may be many months away. While we envision a day when our mission is embraced the way it was in the past, some things will never be the same.

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*The mission of the Schenectady County Public Library is to satisfy our community's educational, informational, cultural and recreational needs by providing free and open access to a comprehensive range of materials, services and programs.*

*The Library is independently incorporated and chartered  
by the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York.*