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Library Curbside Pick-up Resumes In Hunterdon County

Non-contact materials pick up at Hunterdon County's Main and North Branch libraries resumed June 15th, after a New Jersey Attorney General ruling halted the program earlier this month, Hunterdon County Freeholder Board Director Shaun C. Van Doren reported at the June 16th Freeholder meeting.

Van Doren joined other elected officials and library directors around the state, as well as library patrons, in appealing to Governor Murphy for a reversal of the AG's ruling on library pickups.

"Initially the public responded well to curbside pick-up, with over 300 pickups weekly, so it was gratifying to see the decision this past weekend that allowed library materials available once again for pickup. As I have previously stated while library buildings may be closed to the public, books should not be closed to the public," Van Doren said.

Hunterdon County Library Director James Keebler said, "The Hunterdon County Library staff are excited to once again be able to get books and videos in the hands of our community, particularly in time for our summer reading program. When we call residents to schedule a time to pick up their materials their responses are so positive and appreciative it inspires all our staff."

Curbside pick-up of hold items is available at both the main library County Complex at Route 12 and North County branch. Holds can be placed online and a staff member will be in contact when the item is available and will schedule a pick up time. Summer reading books for children are available.

Summer Reading Clubs for children, teens, and adults begins on June 20th. The Library also offers virtual programs, story times, and more. Visit the library's website at www.hclibrary.us for details on these and other programs. The library newsletter, HCL Happenings, is a great way to stay informed on the latest library events, sign up by clicking the link on the website. The Library also has a library Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube channel with lots of entertaining content.

Mr. Keebler said, "While the library has expanded online programming, increased investment in downloadable materials and added online resources we consistently hear how much people want to be able to get that new book or watch that video. We are so glad to be able to help our community, online and in print, during this challenging time."

Questions? Contact the Library by calling (908) 788-1444, (908) 788-1434, or email library@hclibrary.us or reference@hclibrary.us.