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GLENDALE BEGINS REOPENING LIBRARIES *Check Out What's New, As City Libraries Welcome Residents Back*

Glendale, Ariz. – The city of Glendale is welcoming residents back to the library with a phased reopening in the month of May. Designed for grab-and-go, walk-through access, this is a limited opening adhering to public health guidelines. Access to all library branches has been restricted since mid-March in accordance with recommended safety guidance due to COVID-19. And while online assets including e-books, audio books, movies and more have been available, this new step will allow patrons to once again grab a real page turner. Beginning, Monday, May 11, the Main library branch will open a designated area to visitors which is stocked with new titles and popular items.

To help maintain recommended physical distancing during this reopening, a maximum of 25 guests will be allowed in at any given time. All materials are shelved to allow patrons to browse at a safe distance from others. Staff will be on hand to help remind patrons to maintain appropriate spacing and assist them to quickly find and check out materials. Staff will also be doing additional cleaning of frequently touched surfaces and all returned material will be quarantined for 72 hours in accordance with safety guidelines.

LOCATION: Glendale Main Library
5959 W. Brown Street, Glendale, AZ 85302

HOURS: Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday Noon to 5 p.m.

- Reminders:**
- Limited area of library is open.
 - Only 25 guests will be allowed in at any given time.
 - Staff will be on-hand to assist with questions.
 - Staff will be provided with gloves and masks.
 - Plexiglas dividers will provide a barrier between patrons and staff at checkout.
 - There will be limited materials available, including the latest and most requested books, DVDs, video games and audiobooks.
 - Floor markings will help maintain 6 feet between patrons in line.

The city of Glendale also hopes to turn the next page and use the same model in the coming weeks to reopen the Velma Teague, Foothills and Heroes Regional Park branches. For more information about the Glendale Public Library visit: <https://glendaleazlibrary.com/>

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