



Danville Public **LIBRARY**

Dear Patron,

As cases of the Omicron variant of the COVID-19 virus continue to climb, both nationally and locally in Vermilion County, health officials have recommended the wearing of masks for both vaccinated and unvaccinated community members. We understand that, at the time of this writing, Governor Pritzker has not issued a mask-wearing mandate as he did previously during the pandemic. However, for the safety of patrons and staff, Danville Public Library and its Board of Trustees has enacted a library policy that requires masks for all persons inside the library building. This policy will be enforced until the Board decides it is no longer necessary. Such a determination may include when local health officials have determined that the Delta variant is no longer at a high level of transmission.

According to Chapter 75 ILCS 5/4-7, Section 4-7.11 of the *Illinois Compiled Statutes*, the Library Board is empowered "to exclude from the use of the library any person who willfully violates the rules prescribed by the board."

Any patron over the age of two who cannot, or will not, wear a mask will not be allowed beyond the interior doors of the library. Any person over the age of two who is found to not be wearing a mask within the interior doors will be asked to wear a mask or asked to leave. Masks are not provided by the library.

For those patrons over the age of two who cannot or will not wear a mask, the following services are available:

- Materials browsing and selection using our online catalog; personal shopping by phone call (217-477-5220); interlibrary loan; curbside pickup of materials
- All digital services
- Faxing and printing arrangements can be made by calling the Reference Department at 217-477-5220
- Wi-Fi service is available in our parking lot 24/7

On behalf of the Danville Public Library Board of Trustees and library staff, I thank you for your patience during this difficult time. We appreciate your ongoing support and understanding in this ever-changing environment as we continue to find ways to provide service to the community safely.

Jennifer Hess

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Danville Public Library