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## **STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DEVELOPING PLAN TO RESUME SPECIFIC SERVICES**

As per the Government of Ontario’s May 14th detailed list of Stage 1 openings, public library services may resume for delivery and pickup as early as May 19, 2020.

While Stratford Public Library (SPL) truly appreciates that physical library services are valued by the community, SPL is delaying an immediate launch of such services until processes and measures have been fully developed to ensure our staff and customers’ health and safety during the pandemic. SPL will incorporate best practices according to Huron Perth Public Health as well as sector-specific research regarding the cleaning and quarantining of books and other materials.

“Although work on these processes and procurement of supplies has already begun, we are not able to state exactly how and when these services will be rolled out,” says Julia Merritt, SPL CEO. “The Library will continue to keep everyone informed as decisions are made and plans confirmed. We truly miss our customers! In the meantime, we are proud of the ways that we have expanded our online services and encourage everyone to continue enjoying SPL’s digital resources and services while staying healthy.”

Above all, SPL is here for you! For any questions or concerns, staff are responding to voicemails and emails. Please call the 519-271-0220 and leave a voicemail or email [askspl@pcin.on.ca](mailto:askspl@pcin.on.ca). For more information and updates, please visit [splibrary.ca](http://splibrary.ca).

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Know that during this challenging time for our community, the Library is right there with you. We’re in this together. #StayInsideStaySafe #TogetherApart #PlankTheCurve

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