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Library Services in Provincial Shutdown

Stratford, ON, December 22, 2020 – As the Province prepares to enter a period of shutdown, Stratford Public Library has modified its services to comply with the changes in restrictions. While the library offers many online services, the only in-person service to continue will be curbside pickup.

Customers are able to place items on hold through our catalogue and pick them up when they become available. The hours of service will remain the same: Monday to Thursday 10am-8pm, Fridays & Saturdays 10am-4pm.

Most items will continue to have a three-week loan period and can be renewed twice, if they have not been placed on hold by anyone else. Overdue fines will not be charged until further notice. Returned items will continue to be isolated for 72+ hours before being removed from a borrower's account.

We continue to encourage customers to take advantage of the many digital resources and services we have available:

- Ebooks and audiobooks
- Streaming video
- Newspapers and magazines
- Online courses
- Research databases
- Telephone and Email service to answer questions and manage accounts
- Custom reading selection grab bags
- Online video programs for children, youth and adults

If you don't have a library card, sign up on our website.

At this time we are not permitted to have people in the Library for either computer/Wi-Fi appointments, or Browse & Borrow. If you would like assistance please don't hesitate to contact us at 519-271-0220 or askspl@pcin.on.ca.

If you are out for an evening stroll near the library, we invite you to check out our interactive LightsOn installation. Be sure to bring a mobile device to interact with the lights!

The Library's website and social media channels will be updated with new information as it is available. The Stratford Public Library wishes everyone a safe and healthy holiday season.

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