

PLUMAS COUNTY LIBRARY

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County Librarian*

Hello Patrons,

Starting Tues May 25, 2021, we will stop putting our library materials in quarantine.

When COVID-19 first arrived, libraries enacted a quarantine period for all returned items. This practice was based on information at the time about the likelihood of the virus spreading on materials - and the understanding of libraries acting as high traffic center hubs of materials that pass through many hands. REALM (REOpening Archives, Libraries, and Museums) is a research project conducted by OCLC, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle. REALM produced science-based information about how materials can be handled to mitigate COVID-19 exposure to staff and visitors of archives, libraries, and museums. Libraries used REALM test results to increase the original quarantine time to 96 hours, provide different set-ups on how to approach quarantine, and more.

As more information came to light about COVID-19 and the low risk of transmission that came from touching surfaces - as well as updated policies from Public Health Agencies, including our own in Plumas County - we decreased our library materials' quarantine time to 24 hours. Now, per new guidelines and updated suggestions, we will stop quarantining our materials. This means that items returned (whether by book drop, curbside service, or in-person at the front desk) will now be immediately checked in.

All other cleaning protocols are still in place; this change is only referring to our library materials' quarantine period.

Thank you for your patience and help in keeping our community safe!

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Lindsay Fuchs
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