



COVID-19 Browsing Basics

To keep Athenæum members and staff safe, all visitors must observe the following guidelines.

- If you feel unwell, are experiencing any cold or flu-like symptoms, or have been exposed to COVID-19 within the last 14 days, you must stay home.
- Due to limited capacity, only members will be allowed in the building.
- A mask completely covering your nose and mouth must be worn at all times inside the building and while on the grounds.
- You are required to enter your name and phone number into our Contact Tracing Log upon entering the building.
- You must use hand sanitizer before touching any materials in the library.
- Visitors must maintain a physical distance of at least 6 ft. from each other.
- All visits are limited to 30 minutes or less.

Important details you need to know before visiting:

- The restroom and seating areas are not available.
- The number of people in the building is limited in accordance with state guidelines.
- Browsing areas may be limited but staff can retrieve materials from all parts of the library — just ask!
- All materials are still available through curbside pickup!
Curbside hours remain the same: Tues – Fri, 1-5pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. In case of inclement weather, curbside drop-off and pick-up will be in the front hall. You can still do drive-up service (we will gladly bring books out to your car). Don't forget that home delivery (within 5 miles of the library) is an option too!

Thank you for your support and patience! Please note all this information is subject to change as we work to keep our community safe.

Browsing Q&A

How does this work?

Members may enter the library via the front door. Please remember that a limited number of people will be allowed in the building at a time. There is a small chance you may be asked to wait until another member has finished their browsing before you are admitted to the library.

Once admitted, you may browse items in the Reading Room, Ground and Main Level Stacks, and Wendt Exhibition Room. If you would like any materials from other parts of the library, please ask a staff member! The Cosmos exhibition will be view through December 24, 2020.

What safety measures are in place?

We take the safety of everyone in the building very seriously. All returned items are quarantined for at least 72 hours before being available for browsing. We are limiting members' time in the building to 30 minutes per person to help mitigate risk. As a result, all seating is temporarily unavailable in the Reading Room and the restroom will not be available.

Windows may be open for ventilation during your visit so please dress appropriately for the weather.

When can I return items?

You can return items anytime we are open. The curbside pickup table is out whenever we are here. It is outdoors by the main entrance in good weather, or in the front hall in inclement weather.

I still have questions!

Please email staff@salemtheneaum.net for assistance or call 978-744-2540.

We're happy to help!