



**Beaumont Library
Closed July 4 and 5**
in recognition of the
Independence Day
holiday weekend.



BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

a California Special District, independent of
both city and county government,
providing library services to Beaumont and
Cherry Valley



July 2020

July 9 Reopening of Library Delayed By Governor's July 1 Shutdown Order

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Beaumont Library has been closed to the public since March 16 when it became apparent that the COVID-19 pandemic was shutting down countries around the world. Things have improved since April/May.

When California entered the Phase 3 reopening period in June, that included libraries, plans were made to reopen Beaumont Library and return to the regular evening and weekend schedule on July 9. With the July 1 order by the Governor, reopening is delayed until July 23 at the earliest. As such, it would include the following restrictions (for which public input is solicited at this time):

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1. Masks covering nose and mouth will be required at all times

As is the case in other public venues, masks covering nose and mouth will be required for the public while in the library building, except for children under 3. Those under 12 must be supervised by an adult.

2. Seating will be limited to allow for proper social distancing

In order to comply with recommended restrictions, all user seating will be spaced six feet apart and no more than one person at a time will be allowed to use a reading table, lounge seating, etc.

3. Customers will be encouraged to keep their visits brief

For safety sake, only “express” services will be provided with no lengthy interactions between staff and public allowed, and the time limit on public computers will be reduced to 60 minutes a day to allow more individuals the opportunity to use the equipment.

4. No more than 30 customers will be allowed at any one time

Since Beaumont Library has limited space, no more than 30 members of the public will be allowed in the building at any one time. All visits should be as quick as possible and will be limited to 60 minutes or less.

5. Social distance markings will be used in high traffic areas

Like most retail locations, we will have floor markings to ensure that members of the public maintain spacing in high traffic areas and we will have appropriate barriers to distance staff from public as necessary.

6. Curbside pickup and delivery will continue for a temporary time

Because we know that some members of the public are not quite ready and willing to enter our building at this time, we will continue curbside pickup and delivery of holds for a temporary period of time.

7. All materials will be open for public browsing “at your own risk”

New studies have shown that the virus disappears from all library materials after at most 1 to 3 days, depending on the type. As a result, we will allow customers to browse and use our collection, but to leave any items touched on a table or book cart rather to reshelve them.

8. All returned items will be disinfected before being reshelved

Library staff will continue to sanitize all materials returned through our book drops or in person, as well as items that may have been handled, but not checked out, by customers browsing our collections.

9. Customers will be monitored for any obvious signs of illness

All employees who are ill will take sick leave and remain at home. Anyone, whether staff of public, who is exhibiting obvious ill health, such as high temperature or persistent coughing and sneezing, will be asked to leave the facility and not return until in good health.

10. Daily cleaning will continue with wipes and sanitizer available

Daily cleaning of the Library will continue, and cleanliness of public restrooms will be monitored on a regular basis. In addition, hand soap, sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be available for the public after the use of library material, equipment, and facilities.

Healthful Advice: Please note that persons using library facilities and materials do so at their own risk. Because those 65 years of age and older, as well as those with pre-existing conditions, are most at risk for the virus, those individuals may prefer curbside pickup or delivery at home for the near term. In addition, everyone needs to remember to:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and, if soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content
- Cover coughs and sneezes with tissues and throw the tissues in the trash after use
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Stay home when feeling sick

Sign Up for Library Newsletter or Notices

To receive the newsletter automatically via email, please write to info@bld.lib.ca.us and you can also request notices on programs for children, or teens and adults, through the same address.

Beaumont Library District

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Library Hours

Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday—CLOSED

Thursday—10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops (begins September 8)

Monday—11:30 to 12:30, Chatigny

Monday—3 to 4, Elks Lodge

Tuesday—10 to 11, The Grange, Cherry Valley (has storytime)

Tuesday—3 to 4, Chatigny

Friday—9 to 10, Petco (has storytime)

Saturday—9 to 10:30, Trevino Park; 10:30 to Noon, Nicklaus Park

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