

New Britain library prepares to reopen later this month

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Library users can rejoice because New Britain Public Library is starting to reopen some of its services as the state slowly lifts restrictions. Staff that has been working from home returned to the library so they can deliver services that have been requested in a safe manner, according to Pat Rutkowski, library director. A team will be in the building Monday through Friday, from 9

a.m. to 5 p.m., to answer questions in person and by telephone. The book drop is now open 24 hours, seven days a week. All items will be cleaned before returning to the shelves. Rutkowski said library patrons do not need to rush to return items as the library will not be charging late fines for the near future. “Come and return all those checked out items when you are ready to get out of your house,” she said. Starting June 1, the library will begin contactless curbside pickup. Holds can be made online or

by phone. This is one of the requests made by library goers and Rutkowski said it is time to make that happen. Details and processes are still needed before the library can be completely reopened to the public. The governor has libraries reopening for his second phase on June 20 and guidelines will be released accordingly. “We still have work to do. It will be a new normal. Once we know that we can follow all the requirements with all the needed resources in place, then we can decide when we are able

to open and announce the date,” Rutkowski said. Just because the library was closed, it doesn’t mean staff wasn’t working hard behind the scenes. Librarians were busy answering telephone and email questions, selecting and ordering items for the library, cataloging new items, planning future programs, and learning new ways of doing things. During the past few months, the library offered many virtual programs, including online story times, book discussions and trivia contests. Its downloadable

collection of e-books, audio books, and magazines saw a huge increase of use during the last two months, according to the library director. “We are working on getting ready for when you all return to the library,” said Rutkowski, who urges librarygoers to be patient for just a little bit longer. “We want to be sure that we will keep library users and our staff safe. We look forward to be able to provide you with the serve that you expect.” For more information, call 860-224-3155 or visit: www.nbpl.info.

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