

Terryville library back in business — socially distant

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As of Monday, people can now visit Terryville Public Library without a prior appointment says Library Director Gretchen DelCegno.

“This morning, the library moved to open without appointments,” DelCegno said. “We’re going back to where we were last fall before the holiday spike. Folks are encouraged to visit us and access our services. Computers will also be made available for them. Masks and social distancing are still required though and we are also still following more stringent cleaning protocols.”

DelCegno said the library, located at 238 Main St., is doing a few special things to welcome back patrons that staff hasn’t seen in a while.

“We have balloons for kids and snacks for people to take before they leave,” she said. “Our patrons have been wonderful in adjusting to the changes we’ve all had to face in the past year. Things are moving in the right direction and we’re happy to see that. We can’t wait to take more steps in the future.”

DelCegno said she and the library board are considering returning to having some in-person programs in April. However, she said the library’s largest meeting areas are currently being used to store furniture that has been removed to encourage social

distancing.

“We are finding that people are still wary of in-person events at the library but we are considering it for April and beyond,” she said. “Right now, virtual programming allows us to serve more needs. It’s not ideal, but what about this last year has been ideal? Safety is a priority for our patrons and staff and we’re continuing to watch the data as it comes out. If we decide to go ahead with it, it would likely be for smaller groups like our daytime discussion groups or perhaps a paper crafting group.”

As the warmer weather approaches, DelCegno and the library board are also looking into having some in-person outdoor programming, such as story time

events for children.

“As soon as the temperatures are warm enough to be outside for an hour comfortably we might shift to offering some outdoor programs,” she said. “Last October we had some programs at Lake Winfield’s gazebo. It’s covered and in a nice central location. We have also held some programs across the street on the church lawn. We may also go out to other sites around the community such as Baldwin Park.”

For more information about Terryville Public Library, call 860-582-3121 or visit terryvillepl.info.

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Polumbo’s city’s quality jeweler for 75 years

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High quality jewelry and personalized customer service are what have sustained a family-run company like Polumbo’s Jewelers for 75 years.

Father-and-daughter owners Fred and Dayna DiBattista take pride in their family’s legacy. Their store at 438 East St. is the last full-service jeweler in the city of New Britain. It’s this longstanding reputation for excellent service that keeps customers returning again and again.

“We’ve been here since 1945,” said Fred DiBattista, who has been working at the store since 1964.

His daughter Dayna now runs the business with him, but it’s

granddaughter Alivia, who is turning 3 this July, who is officially known as “the boss.”

“We’re the same people, in the same place,” DiBattista told the Herald. “People trust us and that’s why they keep coming back.”

The store has been named “Best of New Britain” nine years in a row, including 2020.

Polumbo’s Jewelers sells a

complete line of gold and silver jewelry, including timepieces made by Seiko, Pulsar and Belair. Customers feel confident trusting the jewelers at Polumbo’s with all their repairs, completed expertly and affordable prices and in a timely fashion.

“We have been servicing your jewelry needs for 75 years,” DiBattista said. “Your satisfaction is what drives us to be the

very best jewelry store in the New Britain community.”

Polumbo’s also buys gold, sterling silver, platinum, coins, flatware and holloware. Customers can find special pieces for any occasion, from a stunning engagement ring to necklaces and that one-of-a-kind pair of earrings for an anniversary, wedding, birthday or retirement.

“You’ll appreciate the wide

selection of premium jewelry we have as well as our affordable prices with top notch service,” DiBattista said.

He can recall an era when New Britain was home to 12 different jewelers. Those days are long gone, but Polumbo’s is still here.

“We’re still here to serve you because of our personalized service and excellent prices,” DiBattista said.

“Dayna, Alivia and I are looking forward to a better 2020 and continuing into 2021.”

Polumbo’s Jewelers is open Tuesdays through Saturdays. For more information, call 860-223-8886 or visit polumbos-jewelers.com. Customers can also like Polumbo’s page on Facebook.



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