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Cook Memorial Library Introduces Outdoor Browsing



(LA GRANDE, OREGON, JULY 22, 2020) What's the one thing you miss most about the library? OK, you responded "the wonderful staff" so what's the second thing you miss most about the library? That's right, browsing! There's nothing like browsing the new book shelves in pursuit of that next good read or the latest tome by your favorite author.

While we continue to ready our building for the day we can finally welcome you back inside, we decided we needed to find a way to allow you to be able to browse for books, audiobooks, and movies. With Library Take-Out well-established, we decided to expand upon that idea and Library Take-Out(side) was born.

Library Take-Out(side) kicks off on Tuesday, July 28 from 3:30-5:30pm to coincide with La Grande Farmers Market hours. The "library" will be set up on the sidewalk just outside the

main entrance at 4th & Adams. Browsing will be available every Tuesday 3:30-5:30pm, weather permitting.

How does one browse safely for books in a pandemic? Scientific evidence tells us that outdoor events are much safer than indoor events when it comes to contracting the virus. Being outdoors, coupled with mask and physical distancing requirements, makes Library Take-Out(side) a lower risk event. If you don't have a mask, the library will gladly provide you with one. Library staff may need to limit the number of browsers at any one time.

To avoid having to disinfect and quarantine the browsing collection, visitors will be required to slip on a pair of foodhandler gloves before they start browsing. Gloves will be provided. Hand sanitizer will also be available to facilitate proper glove wearing etiquette.

On Tuesdays, grab your parasol and library card and come browse the dozens of new books we've recently added to the collection during Library Take-Out(side).

For those who prefer to place holds online or to call and request items, Library Take-Out remains available. Go online at www.cookmemoriallibrary.org to place holds on items you want or call 541.962.1339 and tell us what you want. Once your order has been confirmed you can pick up your items Monday thru Friday, 10:00am-Noon or 4:00-6:00pm.

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