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Library begins Curbside Pickup service December 15

ST. ALBERT, AB – St. Albert Public Library is pleased to announce that Curbside Pickup service will resume on December 15 at the Downtown Library, and on December 17 at Jensen Lakes Library. The SAPL Curbside Pickup service will be done using the Library’s existing holds system and will observe contact-free protocols for the safety of patrons and staff. Library facilities will close this Saturday, December 12 at 5:00 p.m. and remain closed for at least four weeks in accordance with provincial government direction.

“We pivoted before to remote service and curbside service during the pandemic, so we’re able to turn it around quickly this time,” says Library CEO Peter Bailey. “We know how much the community relies on their library during these tough times – staff have been processing an extremely high volume of hold requests and checkouts since the government announced the new restrictions.”

Effective Tuesday, December 15, Curbside Pickup service at the Downtown Library will operate Monday to Friday (next week Tuesday to Friday) from 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Curbside pickup service will be available at Jensen Lakes Library on Thursdays and Fridays from 12 to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

During the closure of Library facilities, SAPL staff will continue to offer remote services during scheduled Library hours. Scheduled online programs will also continue, and 24/7 access to digital collections remains consistent. See www.sapl.ca for details on Curbside Pickup, remote library services and current programs and events.

“The Library continues to work closely with the City of St. Albert throughout these evolving circumstances, and we appreciate their ongoing support of library services in the community,” says Bailey. “We are closely monitoring the situation and take guidance from the City and the Province of Alberta.”

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