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Preparedness vs. Reality in Preparing to Reopen

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To: All Staff <staff@dglibrary.org>

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Hi all,

As 2021 begins, curious community members and staff alike are asking when DGPL will reopen to the public. The simple answer is that no date has been set for reopening. In the meantime, we are preparing for the time when we can open our doors to the public.

Even as we plan for a future reopening, it is important to consider preparedness vs. reality. While the library will be prepared to reopen to the public as soon as health and safety metrics allow, the reality of this fast-changing public health situation may impact those plans before they can be enacted, as it did in March and November.

The health and safety of our patrons and staff is DGPL's top priority. We continue to make our decisions based on public health information and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), and the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD).

With the Village of Downers Grove facilities closed to the public and all regions in Illinois currently under Restore Illinois Phase 4, Tier 3 Mitigations, DGPL is preparing to reopen while remaining flexible to respond to the latest information on this public health crisis. When a date is selected, that tentative date will be announced to staff before it is released to the public on our website and social media. No date has been determined at this time.

A public version of this email will be posted on the library's COVID-19 page on Monday. Remember that you can always point people to <https://dglibrary.org/covid19/> to find the latest update from me.

Thank you all for your continued hard work and flexibility in providing library service to our community. The success of our curbside service is astounding, regularly serving over 300 cars per day! Along with our health and safety success, this demonstrates that what we are doing is working to balance providing service and protecting the community and staff. When we reopen to the public, it will be with the same care and diligence that has led to our success in our pandemic response since March.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and be well.

Bcc: Board of Library Trustees

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Thanks, Julie. I had a man ask me about this yesterday. It's a little nerve wracking thinking about people coming back, but I've always felt safe through this whole process, and I attribute that to your leadership.

be well,
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