

Flint Public Library Adult Browsing Guidelines

Dear Patrons,

We are excited to offer browsing in the adult area of the library beginning Friday, May 7. Browsing sessions will be by appointment only and limited to 25 minutes.

As always, your safety and the safety of our staff are of the utmost importance to us. We believe the following guidelines will allow our patrons to resume the joy of browsing in a safe and organized way.

1. Browsing sessions will be held on Friday afternoons from 1pm to 4:30pm. Adult patrons may reserve a 25-minute browsing session by going to our library website at www.flintlibrary.org and finding the Adult Browsing Event on our online calendar. Or patrons may call the library at 978-774-8132 and have a librarian reserve a session for them.
2. Please do not come to the library if you are sick or have any Covid symptoms.
3. We ask patrons to sanitize their hands on entering the library. Masks must be worn over the mouth and nose at all times. Please check in with the Greeter at the circulation desk in the hall to verify your appointment. Please do not come to the library without an appointment.
4. We ask our patrons to practice social distancing (6 feet) while browsing in the library.
5. We ask patrons to be aware of the time restraints and check out their items at the circulation desk before their session ends. Please note: If you are late for your appointment, you may not stay past your reserved session, as other patrons will be waiting to enter the library for their reserved browsing time.
6. Patrons may leave by the front door facing Route 114. If patrons leave by the stairs or the elevator we ask that they practice social distancing and wait their turn so that only one person is on the stairs or elevator at a time.

We thank you for your patience as we all work together to keep everyone safe.

Please see frequently asked questions on the back of these guidelines.

If you have any further questions, please call the Library Director, Melissa Gaspar, at 978-774-8132 or email her at mgaspar@flintpublib.org. Thank you!

Frequently asked questions

1. Can I reserve a browsing session to pick up a hold?

As browsing appointments are very limited at the moment, we ask that you do not reserve a browsing session solely to pick up a hold. If you do not wish to browse, please utilize our lobby holds pickup hours. Our extended holds pickup hours are now: Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

2. Can I bring someone with me to my browsing session?

Due to space constraints we ask that you do not bring other people with you when you come to browse. If you need assistance, please have the person assisting you book a browsing session at the same time you do so you can come together.

3. How many people will be in the library when I come in to browse?

The library is scheduling five people per 25-minute session. In addition, there will be a volunteer to greet you at the door and check your appointment time. There will be another volunteer helping to monitor safety protocols. Two library staff will be available at the adult circulation desk to check out your materials. Occasionally, other staff members may walk through the common areas of the library.

4. Will there be a public restroom open during browsing sessions?

Yes, there will be one handicap-accessible restroom on the ground floor open to the public during the browsing sessions.

5. Will the Children's Room be open for browsing?

No, only the adult and young adult collections will be available for browsing.

6. Will the computers be available during browsing sessions?

No, computers will not be available to patrons during browsing sessions. However, two computers are available for patron use during extended lobby pickup hours (Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

7. What are the dates and times for browsing?

Fridays, May 7, 14, 21 and 28 from 1pm to 4:30 pm in 25-minute appointments.
Fridays, June 4, 11, 18, and 25 from 1pm to 4:30pm in 25-minute appointments.