

**Ongoing Library Operations during COVID-19 Pandemic
January 26, 2021**

Masks

With the city-wide mask mandate expiring the library will return to using the previous language that the board approved: Visitors to the library are expected to wear a mask.

As Mitchell Public Library considers future hours of operation we propose the following:

Hours

Beginning in February, Mitchell Public Library will remain open to the public until 5:00 p.m. In March, we will move that to 6:00 p.m. If COVID-19 case numbers remain low, in April we plan to expand to 7:00 p.m., and then 8:00 p.m. in May. For Saturdays, we plan to be open 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. beginning in March. During these months, we will monitor patron traffic to determine if this traffic warrants any changes to this plan.

February:	Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
March:	Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 6:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
April:	Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 7:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
May:	Monday – Friday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Programming

We don't expect to offer any in-person programming throughout the spring. For summer programming we will develop plans for multiple scenarios. One will include offering in-person programming, which most likely would be outdoors if we are able to conduct it. The second scenario will be some sort of hybrid option combining virtual and in-person offerings. The last scenario will be virtual offerings only.