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Dear Elmhurst Residents,

I want to take the time to sincerely thank all of you for being so supportive and understanding during the COVID-19 pandemic. We have been on this journey together for more than a year and it has been difficult in so many ways. We recognize that many people and institutions have suffered greatly and hope that our services and staff have provided some relief and diversion to our community.

Now for the good news: the Library is open with no major restrictions!

People are welcome to study, work, or relax with no time restraints. Masks are still required.

- Study rooms are available for the usual two-hour time slot.
- The Makery and Creative Studios are open, by reservation only.
- The Teen Space and Middle School Hangout are also available for use, with capacity limits.
- The outside book drops are open.
- The west entrance circle drive drop-off area is now accessible.

Adding back these services puts us at a much more normal operating level. We still recommend visiting the Plan Your Visit page on our website, but we are excited to be offering more.

### **Programming and Meeting Room Updates**

We are actively working on bringing back in-person programming and making our meeting rooms available to the public. We have some outdoor programming planned for the summer, and will be offering additional pop-up programming, which will be advertised on our website. I anticipate that some meeting room reservations will resume over the summer. We know that you are eager for all of the things you love most about the Library to be available, and I want to assure you that we want that too.

Some of the COVID-related changes that you have embraced will persist. Things like virtual programming and virtual meeting rooms will continue to some degree because we recognize that people like the option of attending programs or meetings in-person and virtually.

### **Parking Lot Project**

In other Library news, please note that the parking lot will be resurfaced starting mid-May, weather permitting. While it would have been ideal to resurface the lot during this past year, due to how long large-scale projects take to plan and budget, it was not possible. Parking will still be available in the Elmhurst Art Museum lot and Library staff lot (on the southeast corner of Prospect and Park.) The drive-up will temporarily relocate to the west entrance and we will make sure that patrons with access issues still have service. Details about parking and services will be communicated in a variety of ways to make sure your visits to the Library

remain smooth during the parking lot closure. Thank you in advance for bearing with us during this inconvenience.

So much of what we offer the community includes the use of our beautiful building. I look forward to seeing the Library bustling with energy again. We are making progress, one step at a time. Thank you for being on this journey with us, and we wish the Elmhurst community well and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Harper  
Library Director