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Is there anything that you underestimated and learned once opening your doors?









Are you placing physical items in quarantine or wiping them down before circulating?





What new initiatives introduced through COVID-19 do you think should continue in the future?





In what ways do you see technology playing a role in the reopening of libraries?





How long do you think it will be until inperson events and activities get back to the level we had before coronavirus?











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Key Resources for Libraries in responding to the Coronavirus

Pandemic

The information and resources below are provided basis but will be updated regularly. It is basinformation, and that submitted to update additional ideas, references, suggestions and conflete see also our FAQs specifically concerning

- ★ Understanding COVID-19 and its spread
- * Library closures around the world
- * Managing different approaches to restrictions
- * Staying safe at home and work
 - Handling materials
 - * Social distancing and delivery services
- * Providing services remotely
- * Available resources
- * Managing remote working
- * Reassigning library resources
- * Reopening libraries
 - ★ Limiting numbers in the library
 - **★** Limiting concentration of users
 - * Promoting hygiene
 - * Keeping staff safe
 - * Public communication
 - * Plans for re-opening around the world
- * Actions by Associations, National Libraries and Library
- * Communicating with users in different languages
- Ongoing issues
- IFI A's activities



Managing different approaches to restrictions

Libraries in different parts of the world are facing very different situations, from broadly maintaining a full service to complete closure.

Drawing on experience around the world, libraries and librarians are finding themselves in one of a number of situations:

Business (more or less) as usual: in some countries, cases of the virus have been limited and governments have not taken any specific measures. Nonetheless, normal recommendations around good hygiene apply. In this situation, libraries are, for example:

- * Ensuring access to soap and warm water
- Ensuring they have a supply of hand sanitiser
- * Keeping surfaces clean, including toys and library computers
- * Ensuring that staff and users are encouraged to take time to recover if they are feeling ill, rather than coming in to work
- * Providing pages with useful links to reliable information for users on their websites and promoting media literacy faced with potential misinformation online.





Libraries Around the World Prepare for a New Normal

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Across the world, many countries have begun a gradual reopening of public life in an attempt to return a sense of normalcy to residents' lives and diminish the economic impact of the Covid-19 global pandemic.

In South Korea, baseball has resumed, though the season began five-weeks late, and teams are playing to empty stands outfitted with photos of masked fans.

Through the specific restrictions put in place, and those being lifted vary widely across the globe, libraries are struggling to figure out the best course of action to safely resume providing services to their communities. The Australian Library and Information Association sums it up nicely: "Reopening will not mean going back to the way things were pre-COVID-19; it will mean putting in place the 'new normal' approach to library services."

Libraries are not "low-risk"

After pushback from librarians, on April 20th, Johns Hopkins amended their previously published report which originally classified libraries as "low-risk" for re-opening. "There's a perception that libraries are still these quiet, austere temples of knowledge, but we've really become community centers and gathering places," said Peter Coyl, Director of the Montclair Public Library in New Jersey, in a recent Forbes article









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