

Phased Re-opening Plan

The State Library of Kansas is beginning a careful, phased process of returning limited service to the physical collection of the library after temporarily closing due to COVID-19. Beginning August 26 state employees will be able to make appointments to use the research collection of the State Library. This is primarily the bills, statutes, journals and session laws. The library will re-evaluate procedures before opening appointments to the public.

Reference services for all are available by phone, 800-432-3924, or chat and email, kslib.info/ask. Staff is able to scan and email many of our documents.

The State Library offers contactless pick-up and drop-off of physical items at our door.

The State Library of Kansas is committed to keeping the public and our employees safe.

To request an appointment, contact staff by phone, email, or chat.

- 785-296-2149 or 800-432-3924
- infodesk@ks.gov
- kslib.info/ask

Preparing for your visit

- All researchers will be asked to wear a mask at all times while in the library. The library has a limited number of disposable masks for those who may have forgotten their mask.
- Researchers will be expected to maintain 6 feet of physical distance from other people.
- Access to the collection will be limited to those items needed for your research.
- Researchers will be restricted to the research area of the library. At this time, browsing is not allowed.
- When making an appointment, please be prepared to discuss with the librarian the items you may need for your research.
- Staff will retrieve items needed for research.
- Research time is 30 minutes with the ability to extend time if no other appointments are waiting.

For your safety

- State Library staff will be wearing a mask during their interaction with you.
- Hand sanitizer is available.
- Only one researcher at a time will be allowed in the research area.
- The Library is following the findings of the REALM Project research. All books will be quarantined for a minimum of 72 hours after usage. Quarantining does not damage books. Quarantining has been proved to be a safer option than chemical cleaning as it reduces human exposure to harmful chemicals and uses less PPE.
- The photocopier/scanner will be cleaned before each use and sanitizer is available.
- Public access computers are not available at this time.
- For items checked out and being returned, a designated “touch free” zone is located outside the library doors.

For those unable to access the physical collection, virtual library service remains available through phone conversation or online chat. Many items can be scanned and emailed. Several e-book collections are available as well as online research collections.