



Dear Bloomer Families,

The Bloomer Public Library is working to provide services in a way that is safest for the community. We are following Chippewa County Public Health's guidelines as we determine the level of service we can provide. We want to share with you the temporary changes we have had to make to our capacity & our community programming as we enter the school year.

Most importantly, if you have depended on the library as a location for your child to spend time after school, please make other arrangements this fall.

During a typical school year, the library is filled with several students after school and we are always happy to welcome them with weekly programs and events. Unfortunately, this fall will be different due to current safety guidelines:

- Only 10 people are allowed in the library at a time.
- Those in the library must socially distance from anyone not from their household.
- Most furniture has been removed due to social distancing requirements.
- Only three computers are available due to social distancing requirements.

While we absolutely encourage students to continue to visit the library to pick out books & movies to take home & to complete homework on the computer as needed, we cannot safely accommodate students hanging out and socializing at this time.

We will not have any in-person events and after-school programs this fall, but **we will have weekly virtual programming for kids and weekly activity kits for all ages.** Stop by our curbside table (located by the library's front door) every week for a new free activity kit—we will have kits for preschoolers, elementary age, teens, and adults with crafts and other fun activities inside.

For more information about our services, please visit the library's website at bloomerpubliclibrary.org or give us a call at 715-568-2384.

We very much look forward to the time when we will be able to offer our normal after-school programs & events again. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,
Megan Taylor
Director



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Take & make ACTIVITY KITS!

Grab an activity kit to keep everyone busy at home! A new kit will be available each Monday on our curbside table in front of the library and will be available through the week until supplies run out. Reservations not needed-just grab!

Storytime Kits for toddlers+preschoolers start Sept 21

Pick up a fun craft kit to go along with our virtual storytimes!

School Age Kits for elementary schoolers start Aug 31

Week 1: Chalk Challenge, Week 2: Play-Doh, Week 3: Dot Game, Week 4: Pom Pom Shooters, Week 5: Lego challenge & craft! Plus join us on our Facebook page every Wednesday @ 3:30 for a fun instructional video with Rachel!

Teen Kits for middle+high schoolers start Sept 8

Week 1: Mini Sand Bottles, Week 2: Wish Bracelets, Week 3: Kindness Rocks & Keychains, Week 4: De-Stress Kit with Stress Balls & more. Instructions in kits.

Adult Craft Kits start Sept 8: Papercrafts & more with instructions in kits.

 **Open Hours**
beginning Aug 31

Mon 10-5

Tues 10-6

Wed 10-5

Thur 10-6

Fri 10-5

STORYTIME *virtual* Wednesdays @ 10 am Sept 23-Dec 16

Join us on Facebook @BloomerLibrary for stories, songs, a craft & more!

Pick up a Storytime Kit from the library each week to get the supplies for the craft!

Library Guidelines

- Practice social distancing.
- Please do not visit if you feel ill.
- Please limit the people you bring if possible.
- Please wear a face covering if medically able.



A note about library capacity...

We will follow Chippewa County Public Health's weekly risk level assessment to determine our current capacity & services. Our current capacity will always be posted on the door.



At High Risk: 10 person capacity
At Moderate Risk: 20 person capacity

If Chippewa County reaches Severe Risk, the library building will temporarily close but curbside pickup will still be provided as long as staffing allows.

Curbside Pickup

If you prefer curbside pickup for library materials, just give us a call to schedule the pickup!

