

Wilson Public Library  
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**WILSON PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
**PRESS RELEASE**  
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**Wilson Public Library to Open Via Appointment for Limited Use**

The Wilson Public Library will reopen to the public via appointment only for limited use on June 1, 2020, with modifications and restrictions for those who need access to the internet and items copied, faxed or laminated. At this time, physical items for checkout are only available via Books by the Back Door (via the north door). Patrons may access our catalog at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org) to put items on hold or call us at 784-2019 to put items on hold for checkout. The book drop on the north side of the building continues to be open for patrons wishing to return items. Since the library closed on March 16, overdue fines have been waived and will continue to be waived until further notice.

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Hours for general public: Monday-Friday: 10:00AM – 5:00PM – The doors will still be locked. An appointment is required and can be obtained by calling the library at 784-2019. Those having an appointment are required to use the west doors and use hand sanitizer upon entering the building.

Books by the Back Door (north door) will continue at this time. Patrons may hold items via our online catalog or call us at 784-2019. Patrons picking up summer reading boxes or NASA@Home boxes will also use the north door.

Saturday and Sunday: Library is closed – the book drop is open.

**RESTRICTIONS**

- As of June 1, the library is open to appointments for individuals who are 14 years of age and older, and only for those who need access to the internet and items copied, faxed, or laminated. Computer use is not for games or internet browsing.
- Only one person per appointment should enter the library at a time.
- A time limit of 30 minutes per appointment per day will be enforced.
- All persons making an appointment to use the library will be asked 3 questions:
  - What is your first name and what is your appointment for? We ask this so staff can make the appropriate appointment and check you in.
  - Have you recently traveled outside of the country? If so, please wait 14 days before calling to make an appointment at the library. We ask this because of a Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Alert effective 6/1/2020 for COVID-19 Traveler Recommendations.
  - Have you or anyone in your household been sick or running a temperature within the last week? If so,

please wait 10 days from symptom onset, plus 72 hours symptom free before making an appointment to use the library. We ask this based on CDC Guidelines for What to Do If You Are Sick.

- The Library will provide hand sanitizer and all patrons entering the library are required check in with a staff member and use hand sanitizer prior to continuing into the main area of the library. This is for the safety of all citizens to limit contamination of library materials by the virus. Wearing a mask is encouraged.
- A computer station will be available for a 30 minute visit. Limited computer assistance can be provided due to social distancing guidelines.
- Photocopying and faxing services must be paid for with exact change. Faxes are \$1.00 per page. Copies are 20 cents per page for black and white and 50 cents per page for color.
- Public Restrooms and Public Phones are not available at this time.
- All library staff will wear masks and potentially gloves during appointments.
- Outdoor wifi is available as long as people social distance. Call us at 784-2019 for the password.
- All library materials should continue to be returned via the book drop at this time. The library's book drop is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. All library materials are quarantined upon return.
- A variety of online resources can be accessed through the library's website at [www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.wilsonpubliclibrary.org) and our Wilson Public Library Facebook page.

The Wilson Public Library reserves the right to modify these restrictions based on Health Care Directives from Two Rivers District Health Department and/or City of Cozad Administration.

You are using the library at your own risk. The Wilson Public Library and the City of Cozad are not responsible if you contract the Coronavirus. We are taking all precautions to protect our staff and our patrons and will continue to reopen in a phased manner.