



September 14, 2020

Dear Patrons,

The Berkeley Heights Public Library had a busy summer! We successfully implemented our curbside service for library books and materials, and we held multiple outdoor and online events for our patrons.

We are looking forward to our move to the new Municipal Complex in the months ahead! In the meanwhile, please note that we will continue to remain curbside only at 110 Roosevelt Avenue. Several factors went into our decision to not open the building to the public, foremost of which is the health and safety of our patrons and staff due to COVID-related concerns. The size and configuration of the rooms, hallway and collections make social distancing very difficult. Moreover, we would need to make changes to the building's furnishings and infrastructure if opened to the public.

Given the challenges we would face, the time and expense to make changes at 110 Roosevelt, and in light of our upcoming move to a new location, we determined at our September Board of Trustees meeting to continue to provide curbside service only. We will also be able to allocate our resources more efficiently as we prepare to move and to make the new library space as safe as possible for patrons and staff.

In addition to our available physical collection, we also offer a wide array of downloadable content including books, music, magazines, newspapers and movies. Having trouble making selections? Call or email our staff who would be happy to make recommendations! We also will continue to provide online book group discussions and other events, so stay tuned and stay safe!

We look forward to welcoming you in the new library building!

BHPL Board of Trustees