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Everyone who works there are very helpful

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Rec center, libraries begin limited reopening Monday

By Don Reid

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COLDWATER – With a shift in state COVID-19 guidelines Monday, the city’s Dr. Browne Recreation Center will reopen for limited activities.

The Branch County Library system also will open on a limited basis.

District Library John Rucker said under its Stage 5 response plan the library will be at 30 percent capacity with face coverings and social distancing required.

The library continues to focus on its “Digital Branch” to provide for library programs with in-person programming will remain canceled.

The libraries are “grab and go” for users to remain long enough to make their selections then leave to enjoy them at home.

Computers are available at a reduced capacity. Users can also have curbside service by calling

ahead.

Because sagging floor repairs are underway in Bronson, only that branch remains closed. There is curbside-pickup on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from noon-6 p.m.

At the Browne Rec Center, doors will open beginning Monday for non-contact sports, walkers, and yoga with limited hours. As things continue to progress positively, staff will add additional options and activities.

Beginning Monday, hours are Sunday: 5-8 p.m. ; Monday-Thursday: 8-11a.m. and 5-8p.m.; with Friday: 8-11a.m. and 3-7 p.m.

Masks must be worn at all times with no exceptions.

Recreation Director Julie Santure said court reservations are welcome during these times. To make them, call the center and leave a message at (517) 278-8566. Staff will call back to confirm.

When you arrive, staff will screen you and check your temperature before entering the Center.

Under the rules now in place, there will be no access to the locker rooms, however, bathrooms will be available. Only participants will be allowed in the Center with no spectators for now.

There will be no access to drinking fountains, so bring your own water . All passes will remain frozen until your first visit.

Free yoga, sponsored by Southern Michigan Bank and Trust, will start up on Monday.

Santure said “understand that this is very different from our regular schedule of operations.” Staff hopes that by following the Governor’s orders, the Center will progress forward with additional activities opening soon.

“We encourage patience and understanding as we all navigate this process,” Santure said.

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Branch District Library cards for students



The teen area of the Branch District Library is only the tip of the iceberg for all the resources available to students, said Jessica Tefft, director of library services. [ROSALIE CURRIER]

By Rosalie Currier
Coldwater Daily Reporter
USA TODAY NETWORK

A Branch District Library card in the hand of every Branch County student grades K-12 is Jessica Tefft's goal. Tefft is the director of public service for BDL.

So far, they have reached 800 Coldwater High School students who signed up for the Library1 card program at school.

When students sign up for a card, they have access to BDL digital resources and are able to check out one item from the various library branches, Tefft said.

The online resources through MEL – Michigan eLibrary – are seemingly endless and they also offer Hoopla, Mango and Tutor.com, which is especially important with online learning, Tefft said.

“By going through the

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Jessica Tefft, director of public service for BDL, hopes to open library resources to every K-12 Branch County student. [ROSALIE CURRIER]

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schools, we hope to eliminate any barriers students face to get library cards,” she said.

All of it offers a wealth of educational

opportunities, but students don't know unless they are offered the service, she said.

Processing 800 applications for library cards has taken a bit of time and as soon as they work out the kinks, Tefft said Pansophia Academy will be the next stop.