

# News Release

## For Immediate Release

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### **Pickering Public Library Re-Opens the George Ashe and Claremont Locations for Public Access**

PICKERING, ON (August 31, 2020): Pickering Public Library (PPL) welcomes the community back inside the George Ashe Library and Claremont Library. Following the Province's Stage 3 Guidelines, Claremont Library will re-open on Tuesday, September 1 and the George Ashe Library will re-open on Tuesday, September 8.

Clients will have access to:

- Browse and select materials from open stacks
- Pick up materials on hold from interior shelves
- Designated public computers
- Printing and photocopying services
- Use designated areas for individual study
- Use designated areas for small group study

#### **Hours of Operation:**

##### **George Ashe Library**

Monday – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Tuesday – 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Wednesday – 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Thursday – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Friday – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturday – 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

##### **Claremont Library**

Tuesdays – 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Saturdays – 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Due to occupancy limits, as well as continued health and safety measures, some services have not resumed. The health and wellbeing of clients and staff remain the highest priority. Total occupancy limits are site specific. Clients may be required to wait in a queue if

occupancy limits are reached. Rest assured, staff are working diligently to assist all visiting clients as quickly as possible.

Several safety measures have been put in place, including but not limited to:

- Frequent cleaning of high touch surfaces throughout the day.
- Contact tracing information will be requested from visitors.
- Clients must wear a non-medical face mask, at all times, while inside the Library.
- Furniture has been adjusted and/or removed to ensure clients have space to keep a safe distance from others.
- Used materials are quarantined before being returned to the shelf.

The Central Library has also re-opened. Please visit [picnet.org/welcomeback](http://picnet.org/welcomeback) for more details regarding hours of operation, services available, and safety measures.

Curbside service will remain available at all locations. Clients no longer require an appointment in advance. Curbside service remains only for hold requests that are ready for pickup. Hours for re-opening locations will expand and match public access operating hours. For details about curbside service, please visit [picnet.org/curbsideservice](http://picnet.org/curbsideservice).

Drop boxes at all locations have re-opened for returns.

[www.picnet.org](http://www.picnet.org)

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Pickering Public Library is an award-winning library serving 95,000 City of Pickering residents across 31,000 households with over 41,000 active library card accounts. Operating under the guidance of a Board of Directors, the library is primarily funded through municipal contributions and is comprised of three locations that provide excellence in client experience.

The Library strives to create a connected, intelligent and successful community through innovative technology, programs, outreach, collections and services for all residents.



**Pickering Public Library**  
Central Library  
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Staffed by over 60 permanent employees who are committed to making a difference within the community, the library lends almost 1 million items, receives over 515,000 visits, delivers programs and events for almost 28,000 attendees, provides over 33,000 research and technology assists, and provides almost 1.7 million internet sessions each year.

### **Pickering Public Library's Vision:**

Pickering is a city where learning is promoted in all its forms and promoted as a force for improved personal, social, civic, and economic change. The Library is the heart of a learning city.