St.Albert Public Library

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St. Albert Public Library issues new memberships to residents electronically during COVID-19

ST. ALBERT — In a follow-up to the library's temporary closure in response to COVID-19, St. Albert Public Library is waiving its usual in-person requirement for issuing library cards; effective immediately, staff will begin issuing memberships electronically to St. Albert residents who don't currently have Library cards. Library cards are free for St. Albert residents, and membership allows residents to access the Library's many free electronic resources, including books, audiobooks, magazines, newspapers, movies, TV shows, music, and online courses.

Residents wishing to get a Library card are asked to send a message to the Library through our online contact form at https://www.sapl.ca/contact-form.html – from the drop-down menu, please select "I have a question regarding Membership/ My Account. Staff will reply to each message during regular Library hours and get the information they need to issue a library card.

"Right now, St. Albertans need their library more than ever," says St. Albert Public Library CEO Peter Bailey. "The Library tagline is 'Here for you, here for all,' and so we must ensure that all citizens are supported in this time of social distancing and isolation."

Current Library members with cards that are nearing expiry will have those expiry dates extended so that they can continue to use the Library throughout the closure.

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