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We are here for you. Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library Launches Stage 3 of Resuming Full Library Services.

Pictou County/Antigonish County, NS., (November 6, 2020) -- Public Library Focuses on Community Well-Being, Access, and Safety in the Latest Stage of Reopening Their Spaces to the Public.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library has been working to return to regular hours and services. With a comprehensive cleaning plan, spacious seating arrangements, and thoughtful mix of online and in-person programs and services, the public library is ready to welcome people back into their spaces and reconnect with patrons.

Public input and feedback from the community and partners informed the plan for this stage which will be in place for the *duration* of the pandemic (following all current NS Public Health directives). Safe, welcoming public spaces will be essential to keeping people in the community connected, informed, and healthy. The main message now is: we are open.

This phase of recovery has several new elements including safe social spaces that are comfortable and easy to navigate; capacity to provide tech training while physically distanced; a broader range of loan materials; enhanced digital collections and online services; increased open hours; curbside pick-up; safe and appropriate programming.

Library staff look forward to welcoming patrons in-person and virtually and are happy to answer any questions the community may have about safety measures and accessing the library comfortably. The Regional Library is also developing an initiative to assist members of the public to connect with community-wide services and programs to alleviate social isolation during the COVID-19 pandemic, and generally to help people locate local community resources and supports.

Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library is a registered charitable organization that operates 7 library branches, a Borrow-By-Mail service, and extensive online and digital resources. Library services are free to use and anyone wishing to register for a library card or requesting help is encouraged to contact 1(866) 779-67761 (toll-free) or email info@parl.ns.ca.

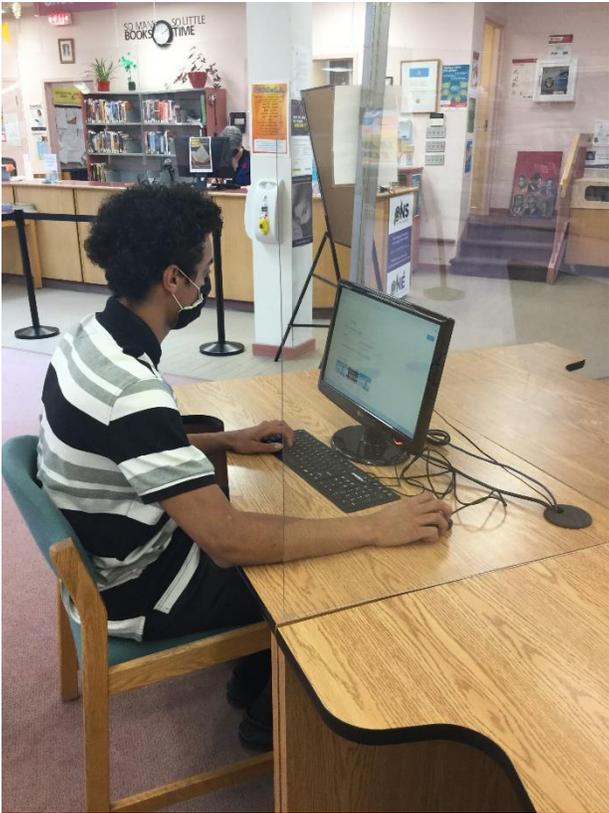
Photo captions:

- 1) Families attend the first in-person Storytime at the Antigonish library with program leader, Elizabeth Glinz, with physical distancing, masks, and hand hygiene in effect!
- 2) Tesean Clyke is seated at one of the public computers at the New Glasgow Library. Tesean is one of several Technology Interns hired this fall at Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library.

Photo 1.



Photo 2.



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