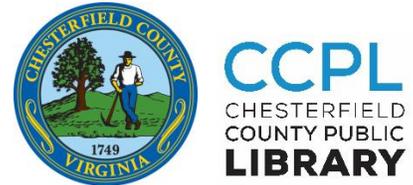


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Chesterfield County Public Library Providing Virtual Learning and Telework Spaces by Reservation

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA — In support of families with school-age children, Chesterfield County Public Library, or CCPL, is providing [virtual learning and telework spaces](#) for students, families and teleworkers.

“The county and schools are committed to supporting learning for all, especially as schools and families adapt to this new virtual learning environment,” said County Administrator Dr. Joe Casey. “Our libraries are the perfect asset for quiet spaces for individual learning, larger spaces for group learning, and additional wireless access.”

Spaces will be available for reservation from 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturdays. Hours will be expanded into the evening starting in October.

Learning spaces will be available at all [10 locations](#), which includes those locations that are still closed to the public. Services will vary by location, depending on whether the location is open to the public. As a reminder, the CCPL locations currently open to the public are Central Library, Meadowdale Library and North Courthouse Road Library. Spaces can be reserved for individuals and groups up to 12 people. Curbside service will continue to be offered at all 10 libraries.

Casey continued, “Providing learning spaces at our libraries to coincide with the school day is the least we can do to help. These assets are also available for our teleworkers who face similar challenges as we try to help them and their employers.”

Some scenarios for who may want to use this space:

- Parents and children who need more reliable WiFi for virtual learning or need a learning space outside the home

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- Groups of parents who would like to form small virtual learning pods made up of neighborhood children so they can learn together in a small group but need an appropriate learning space and/or broadband access for multiple devices
- Teleworkers who need a more reliable WiFi connection or who need a quiet space to work
- Tutors working with students who are unable to meet elsewhere
- College students enrolled in virtual learning
- Adult literacy students
- Homeschooling groups or other small learning groups who need space for more active, in-person learning

You can begin placing your reservations on Sept. 1 for spaces that will be available starting Sept. 8. All spaces will include seating and free WiFi. Additional amenities may include tables, whiteboards, access to power outlets and enclosed rooms for group learning or collaboration.

Visit <https://library.chesterfield.gov/learningpods> for more information on how to get started or call 804-751-CCPL (2275).

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