



Weekly News

Tremont Library Activities

A Message On Library Services From The Director:

At this time, we do not have a date set for curbside service. Unlike restaurants and retail stores, the library's materials circulate out to patrons' homes, back to the library, and out again. This makes the logistics, and legality, of operating during the stay-at-home order complicated. But we are sourcing supplies and making plans. We're excited about when we can start curbside, but at this moment, we do not have a firm date. The information seems to change daily but we are tentatively planning on June 1st.

We've extended item due dates and library card expiration dates— and there will be no fines during this time.

Our staff is still working hard to bring patrons new online content, library cards by mail, and virtual programs to our patrons. We're also planning the summer reading program, ordering new books (for the moment we're able to get them in your hands,) and planning when and how we'll be able to provide in-person service.

Judging by the number of pin resets, library card sign-ups, and questions, I know that many, many people in Tremont have been reading e-books for the first time ever. And that makes me so happy to see. Contact us at tremontlibrary.circulation@gmail.com with questions about accessing e-content and visit At Home with Tremont Library (<http://tremontlibrary.com/at-home-with-tremont-district-library/>) to sign up for a card by mail or access any of our virtual content or programming.

We miss you. I will keep you updated on Facebook and the website as things progress.

Sincerely,
Maria Ford, Tremont District Library Director

Announcing Materials Return

The library's book drop, located on the back of our building, will be open with limited hours from 9:30AM-1PM Monday-Friday until further notice. (The next step will be opening the bookdrop 24/7. We'll let you know when we've reached that phase!) Please practice safe social distancing when using our back parking lot and patio.

Books must be quarantined for 72 hours before being returned, so items will remain on your card for 3 days after returning.

Remember there are no fines at this time. There is no obligation to return your items yet. Your items are not due until June.

This is the first step to us getting ready to be able to start in-person services again (yay!) We would like to get as much of our collection back, quarantined, and ready to be checked out again before we open for curbside.

Did you know...?

St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Tremont

Tremont no longer has a Catholic Church, but for several years, St. Patrick's Catholic Church was a neighbor to the Tazewell County Courthouse. Located on one of the three highest points or "mounts" in Tremont, the two must have made an impressive duo.

The Courthouse was located in the Public Square or Courthouse Square, as it came to be known, facing what was originally called Broadway Street. It is actually S. James Street, but on an 1836 plat map of the town, it is shown as a wider, more "important" portion of James Street for about three blocks, ending at the Courthouse.

St Patrick's was located on what today is Broadway and Washington Streets, a little northeast of the Courthouse location, on 205 E. Washington Street.

In the early years of the newly formed church, mass was held in private homes when visiting priests were in the area. It is noted that Father John C. Brady of Kickapoo, Illinois was the visiting priest from 1851 - 1854. To do this, Father Brady had to take a boat to Pekin, then ride horseback to Tremont!

In 1860, Catholics bought the first school in Tremont for \$800 and met there. By 1879, after several priests had served the congregation, a Father William O'Reilly formed a committee to plan the building of a new church.

Saint Patrick's was completed in 1880, and the first mass was held on Christmas morning of that year. The new church had a seating capacity of 200. Soon after, in 1882, a beautiful new steeple was added, with a locomotive bell that was manufactured in Cincinnati, Ohio. By 1905, the church was completely paid for, and had grown to 120 members. Father Daniel Sullivan said mass there from 1899-1921. In nice weather he traveled from Pekin by horse and buggy and in bad weather by railroad.

By the early 1920's, mass was said only on second Sundays. And with automobiles becoming more common, Tremont Catholics preferred to attend church in Pekin.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church was torn down around 1930, and the bell was given to St. Joseph's in Pekin.

~ Tremont Museum and Historical Society



St. Patrick's Catholic Church (no doubt prettier in other seasons!) Note the elaborate decorative steeple.

* This section will continue to provide suggestions for 'at-home' activities.

Monday

Take pictures of all your belongings to inventory for insurance. Now do a written inventory.

Tuesday

Take turns saying tongue twisters.

Wednesday

Take out all the beach chairs, umbrellas and boogie boards and make a beach day in your living room.

Thursday

Make a comic book.

Friday

Learn Old English words. Pepper them into your conversation. Wherefore not?

Around Town



Please send us your news stories and they will be included in upcoming emails. Deadline to include information is Friday, 6:00PM for the following Monday.

We accept information from official Tremont, IL businesses, organizations, and advertisers. We will also post Public Auctions and Open Houses.

Thank you,

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