

09:57:39 From Mike Nichols : Good morning- I am on a family member's computer. This is Charlene Oldham from Maplewood Public Library.

09:59:28 From Lisa Sanning : I had wondered if we would be eligible under Phase 1B - Tier 3: Critical Infrastructure
Information Technology Sector: Employees at public, private, or nonprofit organizations that provide IT services.

10:00:26 From Mike Nichols : In St. Louis County, librarians are in the same tier as teachers.

10:03:56 From szostak : Perhaps, we should remind them that we can't be members of LAGERS unless we are government employee--somewhat a negative approach but it could be diplomatically worked into the conversation.

10:06:37 From Mike Nichols : I am listed as Mike, but this is Charlene Oldham from Maplewood Public Library. This is a portion of an email we got from our director on Jan. 26: what Tier we are considered in St. Louis County. The State of Missouri responded to our request to include library workers in Phase 1B Tier 3 by stating they are not currently changing any tiers. Boo. However, on St. Louis County's vaccine registration site, they have added library staff to the education/childcare category... which means we are considered Tier 3 in St. Louis!

10:07:20 From szostak : How do you limit program audience? Sign ups?

10:07:32 From Janea Coker : Yes- At Multiple branches outside - limited people/masks. Inside-families one on one story time/masks. Curb side programs- masked Virtual programs

10:07:51 From Natalie Newville : Yes, we require registration on our website for all in person programming when we had to limit numbers.

10:08:43 From Janea Coker : Story time/Home School/ After school/ Family/ Yoga/ Quilting/ Crafts/ Teen programs.

10:09:17 From Pamela Withrow : Adding to Pam K's comments: We do have one in-person bicentennial program in June at the Fox Service Center in Arnold. Masks and social distancing will be required.

10:12:00 From Pam : Are you requiring masks for the toddlers during story time???

10:13:08 From Amy Held : We highly recommended but did not require as story time was outdoors. Most did but we we had one family that didn't do masks.

10:13:14 From Mike Nichols : We're looking at outdoor programs for spring and summer, including a community conversation in a city park pavillion that will also be streamed on FB Live.

10:13:48 From Jeff Trinkle : We are doing virtual programming only at this time. We are exploring a hybrid of virtual and in-person programming for our summer reading programs. Any return to normal in person in-house programs will depend on library staff being vaccinated.

10:14:06 From Tanya Shelton Council : Trails is also planning to start with outdoor Storytime. But those discussions are just beginning.

10:14:27 From Jeff Trinkle : Our summer reading in person programs will be held outdoors only.

10:15:13 From Katie Long : We have a local company that comes twice a month and does an antibacterial fogging.

10:18:12 From Julie Yockey : Cathy, how do you handle inclement weather and outside program? Do you cancel?

10:19:16 From Linda Allcorn : We are providing virtual spring story times, and planning outdoor programs and off site events at parks, animal shelter, etc. for the summer and considering adding Page Turner for virtual library programs.

10:21:11 From Brian Cleveland : For those inviting guests to present/speak virtually for summer programs, are you finding them willing to adapt to in-person if that becomes an option?

10:21:23 From Katie Hill Earnhart : I'd like to have 60-70% of my staff vaccinated before we go back to normal hours and in-person programming.

10:21:31 From cathy : Linda - Yes, we are at Lebanon. Page Turners will take the place of our in person Spring storytimes.

10:21:39 From Cory Landon : Take and Make programs aside -Are any libraries still considering virtual programming only for the summer?

10:21:58 From Katie Hill Earnhart : Cape is planning for virtual only for summer reading

10:22:58 From Maggie Melson : We are planning virtual only for the summer for now

10:23:17 From Maggie Melson : Sorry, "we" is St. Charles County

10:23:58 From Megan Maurer : Scenic is planning for virtual only for summer as well.

10:24:19 From Michelle Mears : Rolling Hills Library is doing outdoor performers for SRP, and some in-person and hybrid programs starting June 1, all with registration required to limit attendance.

10:24:21 From Katie Long : My counties do not have mask mandates, so we are hosting events at other venues (a school and a local theater) where we can mandate masks

10:24:24 From Tanya Shelton Council : The plan for Trails for summer is a hybrid of outdoor and virtual.

10:24:59 From Joe Monahan (He/Him/His) : St. Louis Public is planning virtual only this summer, but we've got a transition plan for moving our summer camps in-person if it's safe to do so

10:26:08 From Janea Coker : Book groups/Painting/Quilting/Yoga classes

10:26:45 From Lisa Garro : Our patrons that participated in our watercolor painting can't wait to go in person again. We have not been doing it virtually.

10:26:52 From Katie Hill Earnhart : We've had success with our stress kits and journaling kits. This is all passive. We post a video to our social media and encourage folks to pick up the kits via our drive thru. We run out of them every time we offer the kits.

10:27:46 From Janea Coker : Jenny E - Please share more info about your authors.

10:28:54 From Mike Nichols : St. Louis City, St. Louis County, Municipal Library Consortium libraries, and, I believe, St. Charles are planning to open buildings for computer use and browsing for limited numbers some time in March. Not sure what everyone's plans are on programs.

10:30:19 From Jenny Ellis : I'll email you, Janea and Tanya.

10:32:16 From Eric Button : St. Louis County Library programming will remain all virtual even after opening for some time. We have a robust lineup of virtual programs. We will continue offering virtual programs even after we do in-person.

10:32:18 From Janea Coker : Our Monett Branch has done multiple Pokémon programs that were great. Very well attended.

10:33:38 From Margaret Conroy - DBRL : No computer training right now or one-on-one help.

10:34:13 From Katie Long : My teen/adult services librarian has done a few Facebook live programs that feel like podcasts and the community LOVES them. Last night was one of 'Black widows of the midwest' and within 12 hours had 67 views

10:34:16 From Maggie Melson : St Charles has been doing computer appointments for a while now. Less training and more just access but staff will help people as needed.

10:34:35 From Katie Long : She also did a slide show virtual cemetery tour that was Very popular

10:34:40 From Mike Nichols : One of our Youth Services librarians has been making tech how to videos that we've been posting to YouTube and FB.

10:35:02 From Amy Held : We've done a couple virtual classes on how to access and use the e-books from Overdrive/Libby, Hoopla, and Ebsco.

10:35:21 From Tanya Shelton Council : We have virtual computer assistance and a little one on one help with people who come into to use the computer. We are allowing the public in right now for technology appts. On Monday browsers will be allowed back in the buildings.

10:35:35 From Tanya Shelton Council : That's Trails

10:37:43 From Katie Long : digital is up, physical is Down

10:38:48 From Christy Schink : Adult cooking programs have been very popular - ex. canning tomatoes an scotch eggs

10:39:05 From Jeff Trinkle : We have seen an increase in our digital use.

10:42:29 From Natalie Newville : I love how you all organize your videos on your facebook page!

10:44:53 From Mike Nichols : Our most popular FB video has been a First Chapter Friday featuring original illustrations from one of our Youth Services librarians. It definitely got interaction outside our community. -- something like 550 people reached.

10:47:49 From Jeana Gockley : :)

10:48:28 From Lisa Garro : Do anyone that videos or records for podcasts buy special equipment?

10:49:04 From Megan Maurer : We purchased Google pixels, ring light tripods for each branch.

10:49:20 From Lisa Garro : What equipment would yo recommend?

10:49:55 From Megan Maurer : We also purchased video editing software through Tech Soup. Then we trained three part time staff to be video editors. We divided the branches among the three staff.

10:50:55 From Megan Maurer : Lisa, we had our eye on the Pixels for a while. The ring light was a piece of equipment that Christy Schink found in her research.

10:52:47 From Janet Caruthers : MOREnet training staff can help you select recording hardware and software. Contact them at training@more.net.

10:54:29 From Christy Schink : The video editing software we use is Adobe Premiere Elements - it was \$27 through TechSoup