

OXFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY

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COVID-19 Temporary Closure

Dear Community:

Closing the Library is never an easy decision to make, nor is it one we take lightly. However, in light of a rapidly changing environment surrounding the COVID-19 Pandemic in Michigan, we have made the difficult decision to close the Oxford Public Library until further notice.

Our most pressing concern and priority right now is our community's health and well-being. That being said, with so many of our neighboring communities having already made this very difficult decision themselves, we can no longer take the risk of potentially spreading COVID-19 from community to community as more and more people from outside our service area start using our facility. We stand with our colleagues in our neighboring communities and feel this is the responsible thing to do in light of the situation.

Any items you currently have checked out will be adjusted accordingly to make sure you do not incur any overdue fees during the closure. In the meantime, we encourage you to still return your items when you are done enjoying them by using the outside drop box located on the front of the library. Staff will check them in and sterilize them for shelving. Staff will also continue to work behind the scenes inside the Library and in some cases remotely, to order and process new materials in preparation for reopening to the public when it is deemed safe and appropriate to do so.

My senior Management Team and I will also be reevaluating the situation daily to determine the logistics behind how we could possibly deliver limited library services to you during this time. We will keep you posted to any changes via our website and on social media.

In the meantime we encourage all patrons to familiarize themselves with our online Digital Downloadable Library Collections, such as Overdrive, Tumble Books, and Flipster, all available through our Library's website at miopl.org.

Thank you for being understanding and cooperative during this very inconvenient time of heightened health risks.

Regards,

Bryan J. Cloutier

Library Director & CEO

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