

Hello Library patrons,

As you know our library will be closed, in accordance with the State of Michigan recommendations. We are part of an overwhelming majority of public libraries that have made the very difficult and heartbreaking decision to close. However, the safety and welfare of our patrons are number one during this unprecedented time.

We understand, particularly with schools closed and other restrictions, this has put a great burden on many of you. We certainly don't want to be part of that stress.

Therefore, we as a staff will be gathering this week to brainstorm and help promote other avenues of resources and trying to find a way to continue service while we are not open to the public. I cannot overstate that this is uncharted territory for us all and we hope that you will understand our position.

Many are wondering how they will access the internet, books for school, general resources. We are very alarmed at the hole this creates.

We had hoped to save the surprise for a bit later, but let it be known the library will be having an Amnesty period to honor National Library Week in April. Therefore, any outstanding materials will not be subject to late fees. Please enjoy the extra time on these items.

Our staff will continue to be working behind the scenes so that they, too, remain safe, yet still allow to serve you.

I wish you all the best during these times and I'm happy to answer or speak to any of you on these matters. Please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

John Clexton

Library Director