



Bedford Public Library System

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Revised Health and Safety Statement – Bedford Public Library System

March 17, 2020

To help protect our community and to abide by the latest CDC guidelines on public gatherings, the Bedford Public Library System will be limiting access to our buildings. Starting Wednesday March 18, no members of the public are allowed in the library portion of the building. The library is offering curbside pickup of holds and the other essential services listed below, during this time. Please call your local branch if you need assistance picking out books to place on hold or for any other questions – 540-586-8911.

- **E-Resources:** Patrons will continue to have access to over 600,000 downloadable books, audios, music, and videos. Also available through the website, access to online educational databases, and the online catalog to place holds on materials, with an active library account.
- **Hardcopy materials:** Patrons will be able to return materials in outside book returns. Staff are able to deliver materials to patrons in the library driveways/curbside pickup. Holds can be placed via online catalog, phone or email. All returned library materials will be disinfected prior to being re-loaned.
- **Public wifi:** Library locations provide free wifi access from the parking lots, and grounds near the buildings.
- **Telephone assistance:** Staff will still be available by phone for assistance in answering questions, including technology assistance with e-resources.
- **Website and social media:** For the latest information on our limited services, please check our website or other social media outlet. Helpful links to the public can be provided.

All other services such as notaries, meeting room accommodations, faxing and passport acceptance facility services will be suspended as well.

Thank you,

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Director, Bedford Public Library System