

North Lake County Public Library District CLOSED to take preventative actions against the spread of COVID-19

Thursday, March 19, 2020

After much thought and deliberation, we have decided to no longer offer curbside and home delivery for items beginning Monday, March 23, 2020. The North Lake County Public Library has been closed to the public since March 16, 2020 to coincide with the closing of all public K-12 schools, as ordered by Governor Bullock. In the interest of our staff's health and safety we have made the decision to have all staff isolate at home until further notice. We feel that isolation and self-quarantine are necessary to slow the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19 in our community and state.

All library programs and events have been cancelled, as well as all use of the library meeting rooms by outside groups until further notice.

We are still **offering curbside checkout until 5:30 p.m. Friday, March 20**, so please call the library before then to arrange pickup. This is for materials that are currently on hold or any material available in our library. The item sharing with the Partners Sharing Group has been suspended and we are unsure when that will resume. Holds placed on Partner items are protected. All materials that are currently checked out have had **due dates automatically extended to April 30, 2020**. You do not need to contact us for renewals. Please keep all materials you have checked out and **do not return them to the library during our closure**, as our outside book drop will not be checked. You will not accrue any fines during our closure.

We will have staff checking our Facebook page (@NLCPLD), email (polsoncl@polson.lib.mt.us) and our telephone voicemail (406-883-8225) during this time. If you have any questions or need anything urgent, please contact us through one of these methods and we will work with you. We will post all updates on Facebook and our website.

The library's wireless internet (Wi-Fi) will continue to work and can be accessed from outside the building around the perimeter – including in your vehicle.

If you do not currently have a library card, please email or leave a message at the library and we will set you up with a library card number and pin so you can access our online services during the closure. This is an ideal time to get comfortable with all of the online services the library offers including free eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, music, and tech tutorials. Please see the links on our website home page – www.northlakecountylibrary.org.

We know that this will cause inconvenience for our patrons. We want you to know that we miss seeing all of you and are looking forward to the day that the library can reopen. We will keep you informed regularly via our website and Facebook page to let you know what is happening at the library and thank you all for your continued patience and understanding during this unprecedented time.

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