

COVID-19 Response

The Fox Lake District Library's tentative closing date in response to COVID-19 is **Wednesday, March 18, 2020** per the recommendations and guidelines of local, state and federal professional health organizations.

Please check here regularly to be notified of resuming business hours. In consideration of the closure, we will be issuing courtesy renewals on items in the event patrons are unable to return materials due to illness or precaution.

Fox Lake District Library Preparation and Communication Regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19)

We value our patrons and staff and believe their health and safety is very important. In response to the current global health crisis, Fox Lake District Library's administration is closely monitoring the latest developments on a regular basis and is reviewing the recommendations and guidelines of local, state and federal professional health organizations in dealing with the situation. This is an evolving issue so please check back regularly for updates.

What You Can Do

It is recommended that patrons wash or sanitize their hands after using public computers, self-check stations or restrooms, as well as after handling materials and other public surfaces such as door knobs.

Also we encourage you, especially those in high-risk populations, to stay home if you are feeling ill, or are simply concerned about potential exposure.

How You Can Use the Library at Home

Library items can be renewed or reserved online or over the phone by calling 847-587-0198. You can also download digital materials (books, movies, music), pay fines and do research from home through our website -- fllib.org. And feel free to email any research/informational questions to foxlakelibrary@fllib.org.

What We Are Doing

The library currently has an established cleaning procedure. The library already wipes down high traffic surface areas with Clorox wipes and use hand sanitizer as a precaution. We have increased our cleaning activities. We have asked our cleaning crew to pay attention to tables, counters, door handles, and hard surfaces.

Additional Information

Ways to Help Prevent the Spread of the Virus

The CDC states that the virus is mainly spread by droplets from people sneezing and coughing. The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus, which is why diligent hand washing and sanitizing are so important, as well as abiding by social distancing guidelines. The CDC advises the following measures to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus and other illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If no soap and water are available, use a 60% or more alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home if you are ill.

Resources

If you'd like more information about the coronavirus, Lake and McHenry County, state and federal health agencies regularly update their websites with current information.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public>

Illinois Department of Public Health

<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>

Lake County Health Department

<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4377/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>