



Durham Public Library

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The safety and health of our patrons and staff is a priority at the Durham Public Library (DPL). We are closely monitoring the evolving situation with respect to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) via the Center for Disease Control (CDC) updates. Per their recommendations, we have stepped up our efforts with regards to more frequently sanitizing high-contact surfaces, such as door handles, railings, computer keyboards, computer mice, bathroom fixtures, and study tables and chairs and will continue to do so as supplies are available.

We have dedicated space in the library for public postings of information and prevention-related materials about the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and you can also find information and resources on the DPL website at <http://www.durhampubliclibrary.org/> in the Library Services and Resources tab.

We have informed staff that they are required to stay at home should they become sick or become aware that they have been exposed to a suspected or confirmed carrier of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are also asking our patrons to please use good judgment when planning to visit the Library. To avoid exposing others to illness, please stay home if you, or your children, are ill or have been in contact with a possible carrier of Coronavirus (COVID-19). DPL offers many resources that can be accessed from home including eBooks and audiobooks as well as digital resources available through our library website. We've added an "Ask a Librarian" link to our library webpage so you can contact us easily via our website. We are just a click or phone call away and always here to serve.

Currently, DPL is following the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and the recommendations of local and state government to remain open. However, we are cancelling or postponing the rest of our library-sponsored programming for both adults and children for the rest of the month. As the situation evolves, DPL will communicate any updates to the public regarding changes to services and programming through the DPL mailing list, DPL website, and our accounts on social media.

Let's work together to support good health in our community and doing what is best for each other during this unprecedented event.

Be well.

Respectfully,

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