

# **THE LIBRARY LOWDOWN**

## **A Publication of the Chester County Library**

*“Real courage is when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.”*

*To Kill a Mockingbird, Harper Lee*

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COVID-19 Edition

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### **Library Closings**

We are currently closed through April 13, 2020. Please note that at this time, the director and library board will re-evaluate the status of the pandemic, Governor Lee executive orders, President Trump recommendations, and CDC recommendations to determine if we are able to open. We will keep you updated via our Facebook page and website.

### **Library Events**

We hate to say it, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic, our regular story-times are still cancelled, we will not host book club this month, and we will not have our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The director is hosting a virtual story time on Tuesday’s and Thursdays via Facebook. The time varies but is always also shared onto the Community Bulletin Board.

### **Children’s Activity Packs**

We will continue providing this service for as long as we are able to. Each day, Monday– Friday, library staff puts together approximately 30 activity packs for children. They are placed outside of the library beside our dropbox. We try to include a craft, educational activity, coloring page, and some other activity. They are also themed each day! Some themes we have done are pizza, toy story, owls, spring, and so much more!

We would love to see pictures of your children enjoying the activity packs and see what crafts they make! Feel free to share pictures with us via Facebook!

### **E-Books and Audiobooks during our closure**

Check books out for FREE on the Libby App! During the pandemic, you can use the app even if you DO NOT have a library card! Visit our Facebook page or call us for more information!

## **Note from the Director**

While the library is closed, myself and ALL of the staff of the Chester County Library strive to help the community in every way that we possibly can. Below, we are going to answer some FAQ's as well as provide resources for you. We have someone on staff at the library Monday– Friday to answer your questions. Feel free to call us with any questions or to get information! You can also message us on Facebook! We are happy to help in any way we can.

### **FAQ's**

**What are the library staff doing in the library right now?** Great question!

Some of the things that we have worked on include straightening and organizing the Tennessee room and adding AR quiz numbers, points, and reading levels on children's and juvenile books. We have been ordering and cataloging new materials to be ready for you when we open back up. We are working on planning our Summer Reading Program, answering questions on Facebook and via the phone, and always searching for resources for our community.

**You say that you are getting new materials. Why aren't they being posted?**

We decided not to post the materials that we have coming in right now because we do not want anyone to think they can come and get these books. We are keeping track of them and we will have a special edition of the Library Lowdown displaying all of these titles closer to time for us to reopen.

**I need to use the internet. What do I do?** The library wi-fi is on 24/7. Feel free to park in our parking lot and use the wi-fi! It works great!

**My books, hotspot, or DVDs were due!** Don't worry! No items are due during our closure. Keep them in a safe place at home and we will let you know when you can bring them back to the library. No fines are being accumulated during this time either!

**Why are you saying not to bring items back while you are closed?** There is a lot of uncertainty on if the virus can transfer from person to person via physical objects. We do know that it can live on plastic for up to 2-3 days and 24 hours on cardboard. Additionally, it is recommended that items returned be quarantined. For the safety of our staff and patrons, we want to give the virus a chance to "die off" during the quarantine period while we are closed.

### **Resources**

We have compiled TONS of news, health, and children's resources on the following webpage. It is updated daily!

<http://cclibrary.populr.me/chester-county-libraryresources>

Complete your 2020 Census response! <https://2020census.gov/>

File for unemployment as a result of COVID-19. <https://www.tn.gov/workforce>