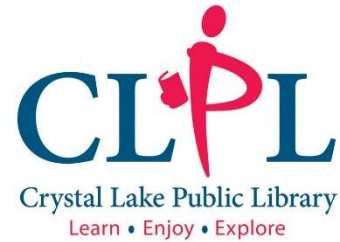


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CLPL Closing Through March 30 to Reduce Community Spread of COVID-19

After careful deliberation, the Crystal Lake Public Library Board of Trustees has decided to close the Library starting at 9 p.m. Monday, March 16 through Monday, March 30 to join the effort to slow the community spread of COVID-19. The decision was made in an effort to protect patrons and staff members, and was not due to any known cases of the illness.

“Because we care about our public, it was difficult to decide to close for two weeks, but it was the responsible thing to do for the public and staff,” said Library Director Kathryn I. Martens. “We will keep serving you through our online resources and at Ihaveaquestion@clpl.org.”

While the Library is closed, patrons are asked to keep their checked out items and return them when the Library re-opens. The Library’s book return drop boxes are closed. No late fees will be applied to materials due while the Library is closed, and all due dates have automatically been extended through April 5.

In addition, all Library programs have been canceled through May 9.

Library Board members plan to review the status of the health crisis later in the month to determine whether to re-open the Library to the public on March 31, which coincides with the tentative schedule of local schools.

While the Library remains closed, patrons are urged to take advantage of CLPL’s multiple online resources. Patrons can check out eMaterials: books, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, magazines and music for no charge using their Library card. If you need help with your Library card, send an email to Ihaveaquestion@clpl.org. The Library has expanded services in terms of available titles and checkout limits to better accommodate online demand. Patrons can visit www.clpl.org > downloads.

Patrons can also continue to access the Library’s free Wi-Fi service from the Library’s parking lot.

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