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LIBRARY ANNOUNCES NEW CLOSURE SCHEDULE, EFFECTIVE MARCH 16

Updated from prior announcement of closures beginning March 17

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Delaware, OH: Keeping Delaware County District Library (DCDL) patrons and staff safe and healthy is the Library's top priority. We've made important changes to our previously announced closure schedule in the light of new information regarding the ever-changing COVID-19 (coronavirus) situation. All DCDL locations will now close to the public beginning on Monday, March 16.

The Library's previously communicated plan was to close to the public beginning Tuesday, March 17, mirroring Governor Mike Dewine's order to Ohio schools. However, the spread of the disease to our region, plus our responsibility to enforce social distancing, has led to this updated decision.

- **Library locations will operate on their regular schedules on Sunday, March 15.** Patrons are encouraged to use this opportunity to pick-up previously requested materials and check out new materials.
- **Locations will close Monday, March 16** and remain closed through Sunday, April 5, pending further instruction.
- **All physical material due dates are extended to Monday, April 13.**
- Patrons are advised to **refrain from returning materials or bringing donations** of used books and other materials until the library reopens to the public.
- **Questions regarding the library's digital collections, library card PINs and error messages may be emailed** to askus@delawarelibrary.org.
- Any Ohio resident may sign up for a digital library card at www.delawarelibrary.org/librarycard.
- **Digital resources remain available 24/7** for patrons' use and librarian recommendations are available at www.delawarelibrary.org.

These precautions are made in the interest of public safety and the prevention of community spread. The COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, and the Delaware County District Library will continue to monitor the situation and collaborate with public health officials.

Delaware County District Library locations include the Delaware Main Library, Maker Annex, and branches in Powell, Ostrander, and Orange Township.

The Library is encouraged by the public's outreach and support during these unprecedented and challenging times.

For ongoing information about the Delaware County District Library and its policies or procedures, please visit www.delawarelibrary.org/press-room where updates will be posted regularly. Contact Communications Manager Nicole Fowles at nfowles@delawarelibrary.org or (740) 362-3861.

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