

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

November 16, 2020

Rockford Public Library will be offering remote services ONLY beginning Tuesday, November 17th until Wednesday, Dec 2nd.

Due to Winnebago County's elevated Coronavirus positivity rate, all RPL locations will close- all in-person services will be canceled for two weeks.

Rockford, IL – In accordance with Winnebago County Chairman's Coronavirus Disaster declaration and the Governor's Stay-Home recommendations, all Rockford Public Library [RPL] locations will be closed beginning 8PM, Monday, November 16, 2020 through Tuesday, Dec 1, 2020. RPL's Rock River Branch location, located at 3128 11th Street, will not reopen. All other RPL locations are expected to reopen on Wednesday, Dec 2nd.

"In response to recent high levels of COVID-19 in our region, we will be closing all Library locations," explained RPL Executive Director, Lynn Stainbrook. "The health of our RPL Staff and our customers remains our top priority."

Please direct your inquiries to info@rockfordpubliclibrary.org.

Eligible borrowed materials will be renewed according to RPL's automatic renewal process. Patrons are encouraged to return borrowed materials to any RPL branch location through external walk-up/drive-up receptacles. The renewal of material loans can also be achieved by visiting our website: www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org, selecting "MY ACCOUNT" on the top navigation bar, and following the prompts.

RPL's Virtual Library and Digital services available to cardholders during these weeks include keeping up with current as well as researching historical news through NEWSBANK. Stream tens of thousands of digital materials including: ebooks and audiobooks through CLOUD LIBRARY and HOOPLA, children's audio and animated books through TUMBLEBOOK, music through HOOPLA and FREEGAL, movies, television programs through HOOPLA and KANOPY, magazines through FLIPSTER.



Learn something new by taking one of our hundreds of digital courses through UNIVERSAL CLASS or one of dozens of “Great Courses” through KANOPY. Learn a new language through ROSETTA STONE.

These databases can be found through the Rockford Library App or our website:

<https://www.rockfordpubliclibrary.org/a-to-z-all-databases/> .

RPL’s wireless network will remain accessible in our parking lots during regular Library hours Monday-Saturday.

About the Library

The Rockford Public Library, founded in 1872 as the second library in Illinois, currently has five facilities, including a performing arts and training center (Nordlof Center), the Hart Interim Library and three Branch Libraries. Rockford Public Library informs, educates, entertains, and provides cultural enrichment to the people of our community.

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