



Update on DC Public Library Operating Status during Coronavirus (COVID-19) Emergency

What is our operating status?

DC Public Library (DCPL) locations will close on Monday, March 16, 2020 and reopen on Wednesday, April 1, 2020. All book drops will be locked so residents should keep borrowed items until libraries reopen. DCPL will continue to serve residents through its online digital library available at dclibrary.org/godigital.

How does this impact what we do?

- All DC Public Library locations closed Monday, March 16, 2020 - Tuesday, March 31, 2020. Libraries will reopen on Wednesday, April 1, 2020.
- Physical Materials Lending - suspended. Lending of physical items will be suspended and all book drops will be locked from March 16-31, 2020.
- Digital Materials Lending - ongoing. All lending of digital items will on the Library's website <https://dclibrary.org/godigital>.
- Meetings and Gatherings - suspended. All library locations are closed and all programs and meetings from March 16-31, 2020 are canceled.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- All Facilities - closed from March 16-31, 2020. We plan to reopen on April 1, 2020.

What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- Digital Materials Lending - The Library offers e-books, audiobooks, streaming movies and other online resources on the website <https://dclibrary.org/godigital>.
- Digital Library Card Lending - The Library offers temporary cards online at <https://dclibrary.org/getacard>. These Library cards will be valid for 30 days and can be used for all digital resources.
- Online Gathering/Social Sharing - The Library will be sharing recommendations on social media and hosting virtual programs.

What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

DCPL branch libraries will be closed March 16-31, 2020 to help mitigate the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Cleaning contractors have increased frequency of cleaning and disinfecting wipes are available to all users.

Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at dclibrary.org/contact. For more information on the District's response, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

