

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

What is our operating status?

DC Public Library (DCPL) locations will close on Monday, March 16, 2020 and will remain closed through the duration of the public health emergency. 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 <https://www.dclibrary.org/libraryathome>.

How does this impact what we do?

- **Physical Materials Lending** – suspended. All lending of physical items will be suspended and all book drops will be locked from March 16 through the duration of the public health emergency.
- **Digital Materials Lending** – ongoing. All lending of digital items will be on the Library's website <https://www.dclibrary.org/godigital>.
- **Meetings and Gatherings** – suspended. All library locations are closed and all in-person programs and meetings are suspended from March 16 through the duration of the public health emergency.

How does this impact our physical locations?

- **All Facilities** – closed from March 16 through the duration of the public health emergency.

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 90 days and can be used for digital resources.
- **Online Gathering/Social Sharing** – The Library is offering reading recommendations on social media and is hosting virtual programs such as story times and book clubs online, including a special online DC Reads program. Information on ongoing programs is available at <https://www.dclibrary.org/libraryathome>.

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

The DC Public Library will be closed March 16 through the duration of the public health emergency.

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 <https://www.dclibrary.org/contact>. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.

