

BETHPAGE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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March 16, 2020

In the interest of protecting the health and wellbeing of our patrons and staff, Bethpage Public Library will be closed beginning Tuesday, March 17 through Sunday, March 29. We anticipate reopening on Monday, March 30, but will reassess closer to that date. All fees and fines accumulated during this time will be waived, any library card that is due to expire will be extended, and any items you have on our hold shelf will still be waiting for you when we reopen. We encourage you to use our online resources and to keep an eye on our social media pages, as we will also be posting virtual “programs” for you to enjoy at home. We realize these are trying times, but we will get through this together and we look forward to seeing you again soon.

March 13, 2020

In an abundance of caution, Bethpage Public Library has canceled all programs from Saturday, March 14 through Monday, March 23. We have also canceled the Adult Winter Reading Club Luncheon on Tuesday, March 24 and the Mohegan Sun Bus Trip on Friday, March 27.

We will still be open during regular operating hours, but we are continuing to monitor the situation and will provide updates regarding any additional changes.

March 11, 2020

Bethpage Public Library places the highest priority on the health and safety of our patrons and staff. In light of the current situation regarding the Coronavirus, we have implemented a variety of precautionary measures, including an increase in the frequency with which we disinfect public surfaces, providing hand sanitizer and tissues at all public service desks, temporarily removing toys from the children’s room, and temporarily refraining from serving food or beverages at our programs.

We encourage both patrons and staff to use commonsense methods to prevent the spread of disease, including frequently washing hands, coughing and sneezing into a tissue or your elbow, and remaining home if you feel ill. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The World Health

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Organization, and the New York State Department of Health all provide current, reliable information for you to consult – you can visit their links below for more resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/>

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

<https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

At this time, all of our programs, meetings, and events will go on as scheduled, with the exception of the Children’s Winter Reading Club Celebration and the Les Petits Artistes Carnival, as these two events tend to attract particularly large crowds. The cancellation of these events, like all our

preventative measures, are being made out of an abundance of caution. We are monitoring the situation carefully and will update this page if there are any further changes or cancellations.

In the event that you feel more comfortable staying home, we’d like to remind you that you can access many of our services online. This includes the ability to download eBooks, audiobooks, movies, magazines, and more directly to your phone or tablet through Nassau Digital Doorway, Hoopla, and RBdigital. If you’re feeling crafty, we also have a new online resource called Creativebug that provides thousands of arts and crafts videos to help with all your DIY projects. Our Reference staff is only a phone call away if you need assistance with any of these services or have any additional questions.

Stay safe and be well.

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