



March 12, 2020

Dear Library Patrons and Community Members:

The Hudson Area Public Library is closely monitoring information about the coronavirus (COVID-19). As you know, this is an evolving situation, so it is with the best interest of our patrons, the community-at-large, and our staff, in mind, that we have made the very difficult decision to mitigate the risks associated with coronavirus (COVID-19). After careful consideration, we have determined that the best course of action is to implement the following measures, effective immediately:

1. All story-times and other events are being cancelled through April 12, 2020. We will be working on rescheduling our events and will reevaluate the situation going forward. We will be exploring virtual options for story-times, please check our website [www.hudsonpubliclibrary.org](http://www.hudsonpubliclibrary.org) and Facebook for details.
2. Until further notice, we ask that all materials be returned to our outside book drop.
3. If you need to pick up materials, please know that the Library will remain open for regular hours, and we encourage requesting materials online for pick up.
4. All meeting rooms and study rooms will be temporarily unavailable for use.
5. Per CDC, "If you are sick, to keep from spreading respiratory illness to others, you should: stay home". Please know that we appreciate seeing our patrons at the library, however we do request that you consider others when considering a visit to the Library. If you are unwell or have any health concerns, we encourage you stay home, to minimize the risk to yourself and others.
6. We will be implementing social distancing measures; therefore, we will have limited computers available for public use. The CDC defines social distancing as "remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance (approximately 6 feet or 2 meters) from others when possible."

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, and do not take this decision lightly. Thank you all for your understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to know more about our digital offerings, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

Tina L. Norris

Library Director