

As of March 17, 2020, the Brown County Public Library is continuing to closely monitor information about COVID-19 and adjust its services accordingly. The health and safety of our patrons and staff is a top priority as we strive to meet the information needs of our communities. At this time:

- All branches are open and operating according to regular schedules
- All group programs and events are cancelled or postponed until further notice
- Hygiene and sanitation practices have been stepped up
- Social distancing is being practiced
- Due dates for all materials have been extended to April 20
- Book drops are available 24/7
- Fines/other library account issues will not prohibit cardholders from using electronic resources

We continue to work with and follow directives from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Ohio Library Council (OLC), and the Brown County Board of Health. Future updates will be provided as these authorities release additional guidance, and following the March 18, 2020 library board meeting.

Please help the BCPL fulfill its role as a community resource while it simultaneously does its part in protecting the health of patrons and staff.

- Stay home and do not visit the library if you are exhibiting signs of the flu or if you are not feeling well. Call your healthcare provider to determine whether you need to visit a clinic.
- Wash your hands frequently (20 seconds or more with soapy water). Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.

Find reliable and current information about the outbreak from local and national agencies below.

**Ohio Department of Health**

<https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Novel-Coronavirus>

**1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).**

**Centers for Disease Control**

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

The situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is evolving daily. We will keep you informed of any changes to our services. For the latest information, please check our website at [browncountypubliclibrary.org](http://browncountypubliclibrary.org).



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