

Hello Everyone,

Over the last few days, the New York Public Library, New York Library Association, American Library Association, area library systems, and our own Pioneer Library System have been in lengthy discussions regarding COVID-19. Many libraries in our area and across the US have taken various actions to ensure the safety of library patrons and staff. Ensuring a positive library experience is our top priority, which includes providing a safe and healthy environment. Per the information provided by the CDC, the New York State Department of Public Health, and the Livingston County Health Department, the Livonia Public Library will be taking the following preventative measures starting Monday, March 16:

- All library-sponsored programs will be suspended starting Monday, March 16 through at least April 20, 2020.
- Meetings scheduled for outside groups using our Meeting Rooms will also be canceled beginning Monday, March 16 through at least April 20, 2020. (*this does not include tutors).
- Library materials will only be returned using the outside Book Drop (located in the southeast corner of the parking lot).
- During check out, library cards will be scanned in the patrons' hands.
- Hand sanitizers will be located at the Information Desk and computers stations.
- Library staff will sanitize wipe the public computer area, door knobs, and other library surfaces and furniture each day.
- All toys have been temporarily removed from the Children's Library.
- iPads will no longer be put out on the floor.
- Our cleaning company is doing extended cleaning throughout the week.
- As of today, PLS is suspending the ability for patrons to place new holds on library items. Delivery of all items will be suspending on Friday, March 20 until further notice.
- Staff and volunteers are reminded to consistently wash their hands well and to stay home if they are sick.
- Patrons are asked to stay home if they're feeling ill and avoid touching their eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. We'll be here when you get better! Additionally, if you are symptomatic or if you are vulnerable to illness, please consider suspending library use; we will gladly renew any materials for you over the phone. Call the Library at 585-346-3450.

There are no plans for closure at this time. However, if this becomes a necessity, we will communicate these details to our community as quickly as possible via our website, facebook page and e-newsletter. Remember to stay home if you're feeling sick, wash your hands regularly, for at least 20 seconds, and follow other everyday preventative practices, issued by the CDC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you,

Frank Sykes
Director