



NEWS RELEASE
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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Date: March 17, 2020
Contact: Margaret Jakubcin, Library Director
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Re: Library Closure Information

In response to the continually evolving coronavirus/COVID-19 situation, as of Tuesday, March 17, the North Olympic Library System is making the following schedule and service changes:

- **Beginning Tuesday, March 17, all branches will be closed to the public until conditions permit the library to reopen.**
- While the Library is closed, all book returns will also be closed. All materials should be kept until the Library is able to reopen. Due dates have been adjusted so that no item will be considered overdue and no fines are charged.
- All Library programs and meeting room reservations will be canceled through at least April 30, or until conditions permit the library to reopen.
- NOLS remains open online at www.nols.org. The Library website offers a variety of resources such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, a wide variety of databases, streaming music and movies, and other alternatives—all available with your library card number and password. The Library is working with its vendors to increase access to online content.

- The library's public Wi-Fi will continue to be available 24/7 during this crisis. Library Wi-Fi can be accessed outside the building at all NOLS branches, including in areas of the parking lots. Wi-Fi users are requested not to block fire lanes.
- At this time, public health recommendations make any in-person library services unfeasible. NOLS will continue monitoring the situation, and evaluating limited or alternative library services that might be implemented as conditions change.

NOLS has made these difficult closure decisions out of concern for the health of Library staff, volunteers, and the community. Evidence is compelling that limiting social contacts can help reduce the potential for the coronavirus/COVID-19 to spread throughout our community.

NOLS will continue to monitor this serious public health issue and adjust the library's response as appropriate to changing conditions.

For additional information: www.nols.org; Director@nols.org. Please check the library website for updates. Phone recordings and Facebook posts will also be utilized to share information.

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