Northwest Regional Library Covid-19 Statement

The library is closed indefinitely. We are exploring curbside pickup of materials at some or all of our branches and we will make an announcement if we are able to do so.

We offer ebooks and downloadable audio books through OverDrive (https://nwrlib.overdrive.com/), Hoopla (https://www.hoopladigital.com) and Ebooks Minnesota (https://library.biblioboard.com/home) that you can access remotely. OverDrive and Hoopla require a library card from Northwest Regional Library. If you do not have one, you may apply online through our website (https://nwrlib.org/).

There are also a variety of research materials online available to you through the NWRL website (https://nwrlib.org/research)

How you can be proactive

In addition to staying home if you are sick, the World Health Organization recommends you do the following to limit the spread of the virus:

- Wash your hands frequently- regularly and thoroughly clean your hands with an alcohol-based hand rub or wash them with soap and water. Washing your hands kills viruses.

- Maintain social distancing- maintain at least 3 feet distance between yourself and anyone who is coughing or sneezing. Coughing sends droplets with viruses in the air and they may be breathed in, spreading any viruses to others.

- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. When you touch your face, you risk transferring viruses your fingers and hands have come in contact with on other surfaces to your eyes, nose, and mouth.

- Practice respiratory hygiene-Make sure you, and the people around you, follow good respiratory hygiene. This means covering your mouth and nose with your bent elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze. Then dispose of the used tissue immediately. This reduces the likelihood that droplets containing viruses will be spread to others.

- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical care early- stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention and call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority.

- Stay informed and follow advice given by your healthcare provider- stay informed on the latest developments about COVID-19. Follow advice given by your healthcare provider, your national and local public health authority or your employer on how to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.
Northwest Regional Library remains open, but we are learning more daily and our practices may change frequently as new information becomes available. Please check our website (nwrlib.org) and branch Facebook pages for updates.

Additional COVID-19 Resources

Minnesota Department of Health Services  
https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/index.html

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  

World Health Organization  
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019