Dear Library Patrons,

Poplar Bluff Municipal Library will close Thursday, March 19, 2020, at 5 pm. The library will remain closed through at least Monday, April 6, 2020. Depending on the national and state response for protecting the public, this closed date could be extended. This has been a difficult decision for the library Board of Trustees and administration. The Board of Trustees, in light of the recommendations of the White House, CDC, and Missouri governor’s office with the best advice from federal, state, and local public health officials, find this decision is in the best interests of our patrons and staff. We value the well-being of our patrons and staff above all else. All the information we have received from the public health community suggests that our well-being is best served by a period of social distancing. The only way we can ensure that in our library is by closing our facilities.

Due dates have been extended through April 13, 2020. All holds will be left in place until the Library reopens. No fees will be charged while we are closed. The parking lot book drop will not be available during the closure. Please keep your materials at home until the Library reopens.

When the physical library is closed, we would encourage everyone to borrow materials through our virtual library. Go to www.poplarbluff.org and use the web page links to access the many electronic materials available including books, audiobooks, and streaming video in addition to our animated picture book collection, Tumblebooks. Watch for digital story times by our staff on our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Poplar Bluff Municipal Library has a large digital collection that includes thousands of items using Hoopla, Overdrive, Tumblebooks, and job search access.

If you do not already have a library card and live in Butler, Carter, Dunklin, Ripley, Stoddard, or Wayne counties, you can get an ecard for immediate access to these digital resources by visiting poplarbluff.org/ecards.

Library WiFi will remain available in the library parking lot, Monday-Thursday, 9 am to 7 pm, Friday-Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday, 1 pm to 5 pm.

We know there is no substitute for a visit to your library. We are committed to getting our library reopened as soon as it is safe. In the meantime, we will be working to find ways to increase what we can offer electronically during the closure and we will communicate through our web page, Facebook, and Instagram with you as anything changes.

Thank you for your support of Poplar Bluff Municipal Library. We hope to see you soon.

Sue Szostak
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