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Libraries Close, Curbside and Online Service May Be Available

Rock County, Wis. – March 17, 2020 – All Public Libraries in Rock County are temporarily closing their doors to patrons in attempts to help slow the spread of COVID-19. All Rock County and SHARE Consortium member libraries will be closed by Wednesday, March 18. Many are planning to reopen April 6, 2020, mirroring school closures; others are closed until further notice. Be sure to visit your library's website or Facebook page for updates.

Due dates of all materials originally due during these closures will be extended to April 8. No overdue fees will be accrued during this period of closure. Temporary cards obtained online will be good for 90 days (longer than usual) and will work with most online resources. All library cards set to expire in March, April, or May will now expire June 1 in order to allow patrons access to online materials.

Hedberg Public Library is offering library reference services and curbside pickup (details at www.hedbergpubliclibrary.org//covid19.html or call 608-758-6600) and the following libraries are working out similar curbside delivery plans: Clinton Public Library, Edgerton Public Library, and Orfordville Public Library. Beloit Public Library may offer curbside pickup of items already on their hold shelf (call 608-364-2905).

Get a 90-day digital library card by visiting sharelibraries.info – select your local library, click the "Login" link at the top, and then click "Don't have a library card? Click here to register!"

Use your library card to access eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital movies, digital music, eComic books, and digital TV shows using these apps: OverDrive, Libby, or Hoopla. Complete online classes with Gale Courses, video tutorials with Lynda.com, practice a new language with Transparent Language, or complete research and other learning activities using BadgerLink resources. Find out more about all of our online services at www.als.lib.wi.us/site/pages-forpatrons.

About Arrowhead Library System

Arrowhead Library System was established in 1974 to coordinate and expand Rock County's public library services. Library cards from any Rock County public library are accepted at all 28 public library locations in the counties of Rock, Racine, Kenosha, and Walworth.

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