



## NORTH RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Dear Library Patrons,

As you know, over the past several weeks Cook County has begun experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. This is a respiratory illness which is spread from person to person and is occurring in countries around the world.

The North Riverside Public Library is committed to the health and well-being of both the residents of North Riverside and the Library's staff. At present, there is minimal change in our hours, operations or procedures. Those changes and our preparatory steps are listed below:

- Age Options, the organization which funds several of our senior programs, has asked us to suspend programs that they fund to decrease the possible spread of the virus among at-risk populations. Please check our calendar for canceled programs.
- Throughout the Library, you will find hand sanitizers at public service desks. We have ordered 2 stand hand sanitizer touchless dispensers which are scheduled to be here next week. We have plenty of hot water and soap in the bathrooms along with a variety of songs, chapters and soliloquies for you to measure the recommended 20 seconds of washing.
- We have asked several volunteers to wipe surfaces throughout the week to cut down on viral transmission on surfaces.
- Please return all materials through the book drop. One is located outside to the right of the entrance and one inside the lobby near the checkout desk.
- We are doubling down in our cleaning of high-touch areas, such as door handles and other surfaces, and we will have wipes available for you if you would like to clean the computers or other items prior to use.
- We are investing even more in eBooks and digital audiobooks. This is a great time to explore our entire virtual collection including: streaming movies, TV, and music.
- Have material that's due but can't make it to the Library? Just call us, we'll work with you.
- If you or your family members are not feeling well, please don't bring them to the library. Our goal is to inhibit the spread to the virus as much as possible.

Please check our programming calendar and social media channels for updates on our programs as we go forward.

We will use this website to communicate any changes in service because of the Coronavirus, so check back or call us.

For authoritative information about the Coronavirus:

- From the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- From the World Health Organization: <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>



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- From Cook County: <https://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/novel-coronavirus/>

Finally, here's my favorite hand washing video featuring our very own Britney Musial and Lizzy Boden: [https://www.instagram.com/p/B9hrMVBpsgu/?utm\\_source=ig\\_web\\_copy\\_link](https://www.instagram.com/p/B9hrMVBpsgu/?utm_source=ig_web_copy_link)

Thank you,

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