

Williamsburg Regional Library to Temporarily Close Buildings

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Williamsburg Regional Library is closing the Williamsburg and James City County library buildings starting Friday, January 15 until further notice due to a local spike in COVID-19 cases.

WRL leadership made the decision to temporarily close the library's doors in the interest of public and staff safety. This decision was taken after close consultation with local officials, and is in line with the actions of several other library systems in the region.



Overdue fines for materials will not accrue during the closure. All of the book drops in the community and at the buildings will remain open. Donations of materials are not being accepted at this time.

The library's virtual programs will continue as scheduled, and **curbside pickup of library materials will also continue to be available**. WRL's Mobile Library Services units will also continue delivering materials to their scheduled stops. AARP Tax Aide will be delayed until the library buildings reopen.

WRL's wealth of digital resources also remain just a click away. Library card holders can check out ebooks, digital audiobooks, and magazines; stream music, movies, and television; take online classes or learn a new language; do research on genealogy or other topics; get book recommendations from our librarians, and so much more -- all online and from the comfort of their own homes. Head to **www.wrl.org/comes-to-you** to learn about about all the ways you can continue to use the library while the buildings are closed.

The library is continuing to monitor the local COVID-19 situation, and decisions about the timeline for reopening will be made in the coming weeks.

"Even though the buildings are closed, the library continues to be strongly committed to offering a broad array of services, including curbside pickup of holds, computer use by appointment, and a new personalized book selection option, 'Quick Picks,'" said library director Betsy Fowler. "Our exciting One Book One Community virtual events and other virtual programs are moving forward as planned."

For the latest information about library closures and cancellations, check www.wrl.org. Library staff will be answering phones live from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and on Tuesday from 9 a.m.-7 p.m at 757.741.3300. You can also connect with us during those via our online chat service at www.wrl.org/ask.

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