

PRESS RELEASE

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Library Services Alert

The Hunterdon County Library System (HCLS) prides itself on providing high quality library services to the residents of Hunterdon County, including educational and leisure programs and events for all ages, access to bestselling titles in all formats, reference services to satisfy inquisitive minds, internet access and technological instruction, in addition to the inviting facilities located throughout the county.

In light of the current public health crisis, HCLS is taking steps to reduce opportunities for exposure to COVID-19. **The Hunterdon County Library System will close on Tuesday, March 17th at 5pm until further notice.** The library and Hunterdon County officials are constantly evaluating the situation and will continue to update the public as we move forward.

For those practicing CDC recommended social distancing, look to the library for the following services:

- **Remote Reference:** Call (908-788-1434 or 908-730-6135) between 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Saturday or email (reference@hclibrary.us) with questions. No question is too big or too small!
- **Digital Lending:** Access ebooks & eaudio through our eHCL Digital Library! Go to hclibrary.overdrive.com/ on your desktop computer or download the Libby app to any device. We added many new titles, call (908-788-1434 or 908-730-6135) between 9:00am and 5:00pm Monday through Saturday with any questions.
- **Digital Magazines:** Use RBDigital (<https://hunterdoncountynj.rbdigital.com/>) to check out your favorite magazines.
- **Databases:** Do research with Consumer Reports, EBSCO Host, Rosetta Stone, or Morningstar. All these, and more, can be found on our eResources page (<http://www.hclibrary.us/eresources/eresources.htm>).
- **Get a library card:** Don't already have a card? Submit the online form (<https://www.hclibrary.us/policies/librarycard.htm>) to get your temporary barcode. This will give you access to borrow ebooks and eaudio from Overdrive/Libby.
- **Flemington, Milford, and Lambertville residents:** Through April 30, HCL will offer an e-borrowing card to enable you to take advantage of eHCL Digital Library. Check our website www.hclibrary.us for more information.
- **Be sure to check the library's Facebook and webpage for updates and special at-home projects.**

The Hunterdon County Library System has taken the following steps in-house to protect staff and library patrons:

- The Hunterdon County Library System will be closed on Tuesday, March 17th at 5pm until further notice
- All programs are cancelled through at least April 30, 2020.
- Due to museum closures, lending of Museum Passes has been suspended until further notice.
- Late fines will not be charged for any materials.

Further updates will be announced to the public as they become available.