



March 21, 2020

Dear Vassalboro Community,

In order to do our part in limiting the spread of Covid-19 we will be temporarily closed until mid-April. This is not an easy decision to make, but is based on the recommendations of the CDC, State, and local officials. Staff will be coming in periodically to continue library work. **We ask that no one- other than staff, key-holders, and board members- request to come inside until further notice.**

We ask that anyone who has checked out books to hold onto those books until we reopen. There is no need to renew but you can always call or email to leave a message (923-3233) [vplibrary@gmail.com](mailto:vplibrary@gmail.com)

**We will no longer be taking requests for books at this time.** I sincerely apologize for this. It is heartbreaking not to be able to help those who reach out to us. It is by far the hardest decision we made. We would love to help families get through this stressful time by loaning out books. However, it is no guarantee that we will not inadvertently spread this virus (based on recommendations by the CDC and State officials) and that is something we cannot risk.

Please check our website and Facebook page as we update regularly with useful web-links you can access from home. Here are a few links people can view to help contain the spread and keep our families healthy.

[Covid 19 Summary](#)

[Covid-19 Educational Materials](#)

[ClinicalTrials.gov](#)

[Protect against mis-information](#)

Please remember to use these everyday preventative measures recommended by the CDC:

1. Stay home if you are sick, except to get medical care.
2. Avoid touching your face with unwashed hands.
3. Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 30 seconds. Use hand sanitizer with at least 70% alcohol if you cannot wash.
4. Cover your cough with a tissue and then throw it away.
5. Practice social distancing and ideally keep 6 feet away from each other in public places.

Respectfully,

Brian Stanley – Library Director

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