



**Stickney-Forest View  
Public Library District**

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Dear Library Patrons,

March 14, 2020

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. This has been a rapidly changing situation with many updates over the last few days including Governor Pritzker closing all Illinois K-12 schools and President Trump declaring a national emergency.

The Stickney-Forest View Public Library District is committed to the health and well-being of the residents of Stickney, Forest View, and Central Stickney, as well as the Library's staff. As such, we have decided to take the precautionary measure of closing the library for the next three weeks per the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Our last day of operations before closing will be Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be closed starting Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Our tentative date of reopening is Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, but we will reassess the situation the week before in case there is need to stay closed longer.

We will communicate updates on the Library's status with posts on the Library's website ([www.sfvpld.org](http://www.sfvpld.org)) as well as on the Library's social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter).

During this extended closure, the SWAN library system will extend all due dates on checked out physical materials to May 1<sup>st</sup>. The Library's digital resources will still be available for you to use. This includes our e-books and downloadable audiobooks through OverDrive and the Libby app, our Tumblebooks collection of e-books for kids, and our online learning tools like Universal Class, Transparent Language, and Gale databases. If you have questions, you can still email [reference@sfvpld.org](mailto:reference@sfvpld.org) or send a Facebook message through our Facebook account. We will be checking messages and will respond as best we can.

We hope everyone follows the CDC recommendations to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. And wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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For authoritative information about the Coronavirus:

- World Health Organization (WHO):  
<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
- Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC):  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH):  
<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>
- Cook County Department of Public Health:  
<https://www.cookcountypublichealth.org/communicable-diseases/novel-coronavirus/>
- Stickney Township Public Health District:  
<http://www.stickneypublichealthdistrict.org/>

Thank you,

**Leighton Shell, Library Director  
Stickney-Forest View Public Library District**