



## **COVID-19 INFORMATION/UPDATES**

**March 14, 2020**

The Center Moriches Free Public Library, its Board of Trustees, and Administration have been closely monitoring all developments pertaining to the COVID-19 Coronavirus Pandemic.

It has been determined that effective March 15 to be necessary to close the Library facility until further notice in order to protect the health and well-being of patrons and staff. The Library fully appreciates and understands the disappointment and disruption that this action will cause, but finds that it is paramount to preserve to the greatest extent possible the safety of our patrons and staff during this declared state of emergency. Please consult the Library's website as to developments relating to the Library's operations. We apologize for the inconvenience resulting from the closing; and look forward to a resumption of services to the community when warranted.

Please remember the Library provides a wide array of online services, including Overdrive, Hoopla and Kanopy. These services and more can be accessed from the library website at [www.centermoricheslibrary.org](http://www.centermoricheslibrary.org).

- If you have items that are due, you will NOT accrue late fees.
- If you have holds that are ready for pick up, they will be held for you until the closure period has ended.
- During this closure we will not be offering Passport Services
- We have set up an email to help answer any questions and staff will respond as quickly as possible. Please email reference questions to: [cmorlib@centermoricheslibrary.org](mailto:cmorlib@centermoricheslibrary.org)

### **March 13, 2020**

Out of an abundance of caution, beginning Sunday, March 15, and continuing until Sunday, March 22, all group library programs and meeting room reservations will be cancelled. AARP tax assistance will not be affected at this time. This will be reevaluated in the coming days for the time period beyond that.

### **March 12, 2020**

The Center Moriches Free Public Library takes the health and safety of our patrons and staff very seriously, and have procedures in place to continually monitor and assess public health concerns, including the spread of COVID-19. In addition to our nightly cleaning company, our custodial staff have increased cleaning and sanitizing in public areas to multiple times throughout the day to keep surfaces clean. These are the steps we are taking:

- Cleaning the building frequently throughout the day
- Sanitizing door handles, bathroom faucets, and frequently touched surfaces
- Cleaning keyboards and tabletops
- Providing extra disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizer throughout the library
- Removing all stuffed animals, soft toys and other toys that are difficult to clean and sanitize from the public floor

There are signs in all bathrooms, reminding patrons and staff to wash their hands frequently with soap and water.

Currently, we are continuing with our scheduled programs, but may need to adjust that in the coming days or weeks. You will be notified if you have signed up for a class and it has been cancelled. As we continue to monitor the situation, we will update you with any changes through our website, [www.centermoricheslibrary.org](http://www.centermoricheslibrary.org) or Facebook.

Anyone with a Center Moriches Free Public Library card access to many at-home online resources, including:

- [Kanopy](#) (movies)
- [Hoopla](#) (eBooks, audio books and some music and television shows)
- [Overdrive](#) (eBooks and audiobooks)
- [Flipster](#) (hundreds of different magazine subscriptions)
- [Brainfuse](#) (online tutoring for K-12 students, Adult Learning Center, etc.)
- [Pronunciator](#) ( Learn a new Language)
- [World Book Encyclopedia](#)
- [Universal Classroom](#)

We will provide regular updates through our website and social media outlets as we receive more information and monitor the World Health Organization, CDC, NYS Department of Health, and the Suffolk County Department of Health sites.

If you have any questions or concerns, please email or call Library Director Marcie Litjens, 631-878-0940 ext. 7 or [mlitjens@centermoricheslibrary.org](mailto:mlitjens@centermoricheslibrary.org)