

# Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Information Page

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) is proving an ongoing health threat to our service populations in the City of Martinsville, Henry County, and Patrick County. The welfare of our communities is of utmost concern to us, and we believe the best way to safeguard that welfare is to take steps suggested by health officials and mandated by federal, state, and local governments. As such, we have drafted the following response to the current health crisis:

## **UPDATED: Library Closed to public.**

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak ALL branches of the **Blue Ridge Regional Library** will be **closed** until it is safe to open again. During that time **finest will be waived** while we are closed. Items on hold will be kept on hold until we re-open.

**Beginning at 5 PM, March 31, 2020 ALL book drops will be closed** for the **duration** of the **Stay at Home** order. Please keep all library items until the book drops reopen. **PATRONS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE TO ANY LIBRARY MATERIALS LEFT OUTSIDE OF THE BUILDINGS!**

**UPDATED:** The Library is currently working on a **modified schedule**. Staff will be available to answer the phones and pull holds Monday thru Friday 9 am to 5 pm **UNTIL March 31, 2020. We are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.**

**UPDATED:** After 5:00 PM on Tuesday March 31, 2020, **ALL** Branches of the Blue Ridge Regional Library will be closed for the duration of the **Stay at Home** order **Curb service WILL NOT be offered** during this period.

**We are asking all patrons who currently have items to please hold on to them until we can safely resume our normal operations. There will be no overdue fines imposed during this time.** This will help protect our patrons and staff from spreading the virus.

We are working with local and state officials and will update our [website](#) and [Facebook](#) pages respectively with any changes to those dates or services.

## **Library Programming**

All Library programming has been cancelled for the time being until it is safe to resume.

## **Official Information**

For official, up-to-date information on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), please visit:

- Virginia Department of Health [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Official Page](#)
- North Carolina [DHHS COVID-19 Case Count in North Carolina](#)
- United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Page](#)
- Martinsville City and Henry County [Informational Resources for COVID-19](#) (Coronavirus)

## **Check books out from home**

The library offers patrons access to thousands of downloadable e-books, and audiobooks, for use on mobile devices, home computers and other devices. These are available now and will be available even if operating hours are impacted by COVID 19. Please make use of these resources, and call your library branch if you require assistance.

- [RBDigital](#): Downloadable Magazines
- [Libby/Overdrive](#): Downloadable e-books and e-audio

**\*We look forward to the time when we can once again offer you full service. Until then, please be safe!\***

