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Paul Sawyer Public Library

Library ceasing all operations beginning Saturday, March 21

In order to assist with efforts to “flatten the curve” and stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and to comply with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the state of Kentucky, the Paul Sawyer Public Library Board of Trustees has determined that the Library will cease all operations, with the exception of online resources, effective Saturday, March 21.

Curbside delivery, which is being offered through Friday, March 20 from 10 AM to 4:30 PM and phone reference from 10 AM to 4:45 PM, will end Friday. Until then, customers with accounts in good standing may reserve materials online or call the Library at (502) 352-2665. There is a limit of 5 items per card. For online reservations, the first five items will be pulled for check-out.

Public WiFi will continue to be available in the areas of close proximity to the Library building.

The Board of Trustees and the PSPL management team will continuously monitor the public health situation and consult with the Franklin County Health Department and local elected officials to determine when the Library can resume normal operations. In this fluid situation, we ask customers to monitor our website and social media for updates, as our service options may change over the next few weeks.

This decision is made with the best intention for the health and safety of our customers and staff. Many Franklin County residents rely on the Library’s programs and services. It is imperative, however, that we take all the necessary actions to mitigate the spread of this virus. By suspending the Library’s operations, we are taking steps to protect the health and well-being of Franklin County’s residents. We deeply regret the inconvenience to our customers.

Our book drops will be open, but customers are strongly encouraged to hold all materials that are due back during this time period until the Library reopens. No fines will be charged on these materials.

We encourage customers to take advantage of our digital materials to download or stream to a computer, smart phone, or portable device. Kentucky Libraries Unbound has increased the number of items that can be checked out at one time, and PSPL has increased the limit for items on Hoopla to 10 per month per library card.

Customers are encouraged to visit the Library’s Facebook page and website for fresh digital content – reading challenges, story times, etc. PSPL will also post news about the Library and its available services on our social media accounts.

Information, updates, and digital content is available on our website – <https://www.pspl.org/>

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