

June 1, 2020

RE: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Dear Library Patron,

The library is a busy hub of community activity, and we place a high priority on the health and safety of our visitors and staff. The Homer Township Library has taken the following actions to balance our responsibility to serve you in this time of heightened need with our responsibility to keep all safe, especially people with underlying conditions, seniors, and others who are at greater risk:

- The Library building and Bookmobile Service is closed to visitors.
- The Book Drop reopens Monday, June 8.
- Curbside Holds Service (contactless) begins Monday, June 15.
- We are Fine Free and items checked out are automatically renewed.

The library has a phased reopening process. Decisions are based on guidelines from the Illinois Department of Public Health, which cite social distancing and event cancellations as effective means for preventing the spread of disease. For up-to-date information about COVID-19, please refer to these important resources:

1. Illinois Dept. of Public Health COVID-19 updates: <http://www.dph.illinois.gov/>.
2. CDC Summary: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html>
3. Will County Health: <https://willcountyhealth.org/>

You can continue to use the library 24/7 (without visiting) by downloading eBooks; listening to downloadable and streaming audiobooks; streaming movies and TV shows; streaming music; reading digital comics, newspapers, and magazines; taking online classes; and much more. Browse our [Calendar](#) for virtual programs and events. Sign up for our library [E-News](#).

We are working on protocols to serve the community safely when we reopen and will continue to adjust and plan as we get updated information regarding the COVID-19 outbreak. You are welcome to e-mail [sheree@homerlibrary.org](mailto:sheree@homerlibrary.org) with questions and I will do my best to respond to your email within 48 hours. Your patience is appreciated during this unprecedented health crisis.

All of us at the library look forward to seeing you in person again soon.

Sincerely,

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