

March 16, 2020

UPDATE: The library will be closed as of Tuesday, March 17.

As news of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak continues to evolve, Nesmith Library is taking new steps to help ensure the health and safety of its staff, visitors, and community.

After consultation with the town Emergency Management Committee, the Board of Selectmen, and the Nesmith Library trustees, we have decided to close the Nesmith Library to the public until April 6, 2020 at which time we will reassess the situation. We are making this very difficult decision based on the recommendations of town, state and federal health departments. The staff will be available to answer questions via phone and email.

Please read on for information about your library account and services.

HOLDS

Don't worry about your items on the hold shelf. Anything that's on the hold shelves when we close will still be there when we reopen.

DUE DATES

Don't worry about your items you have out. Due dates will be readjusted and will not be due prior to our reopening. Books will continue to auto renew. Our book drop will remain open.

REQUESTS

As of now, you'll still be able to place requests during the closure. We will be evaluating how, when, and if we will be able to pull these requests and make them available.

EMAIL & PHONE

We will continue to monitor email and phone calls. If you have questions please contact us at 603-431-7154 or info@nesmithlibrary.org **Mon-Fri 9-5**. A full staff directory is available at <https://nesmithlibrary.org/contact-us>

WHAT TO DO DURING THIS CLOSURE

The Nesmith Library is committed to providing services during this closure. We offer multiple online services which include:

[Hoopla](#): Download or stream ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music and television shows. We will be temporarily increase the checkout limit from 4 to 8 per month, per cardholder.

[CloudLibrary](#): ebooks, and audiobooks

[Libby/Overdrive](#): ebooks, emagazines, and audiobooks

Online [Databases](#): All of our databases are accessible from home with exception of Ancestry

Online card registration: If you do not have a library card you can register online for a temporary card that will give you access to all of the above services with the exception of Hoopla.

In addition, as digital resources become available we will be letting you know about them via our website and social media.

Please continue to monitor our website and social media for updates.

Stay well and safe. Respectfully,

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