



COVID-19 UPDATE

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A message to the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library community,

To support the overall health and well-being of our community and employees, and due to the rapidly changing situation around the coronavirus (COVID-19), all 37 Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries will be temporarily **closed to the public through Tuesday, March 31, 2020**. Essential staff will be notified of their need to report. We sincerely apologize for the inconvenience.

Here are more details:

- Library material due dates have been extended until April 30, 2020.
- Requested materials will be available when libraries reopen.
- New holds on materials are suspended until further notice.
- Interlibrary Loan services are suspended until further notice. Patrons who have been notified that their materials are ready for pick up will be required to wait until libraries reopen.
- Book-a-Librarian requests are suspended. We will contact you when libraries reopen to reschedule.

While our locations are currently closed to the public, our website (<https://www.buffalolib.org/>) is available 24/7. We are committed to serving you digitally with a robust assortment of online resources, databases, research tools, downloadable eBooks and free music including:

Overdrive downloadable eBooks: <https://buffalo.overdrive.com/>

Freegal downloadable music that you keep forever: <https://buffalolib.freegalmusic.com/home>

Databases from physics to healthcare: <http://dbaz.buffalolib.org/dbaz.php>

Tax Filing Information: <https://www.buffalolib.org/subject-guides/business-and-finance/taxes>

2020 Census Details: <https://www.buffalolib.org/united-states-census-2020>

Literacy Materials for Kids: <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/kids>

Early Literacy Resources: <https://www.buffalolib.org/kids/early-literacy>

Resources for Teachers: <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/teachers>

Resources for Parents: <https://www.buffalolib.org/subject-guides/home-and-family/parenting>

All Things Teens: <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/teens>

Homework Help: <https://www.buffalolib.org/services/school-homework-help#HomeworkTeens>

Digitized Collections - *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* manuscript by Mark Twain: <https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/digital-collections>

Local History: <https://www.buffalolib.org/research-resources/special-collections>

Job & Career Resources: <https://www.buffalolib.org/subject-guides/college-and-career/job-career-resources>

My Account - keep your personal library account up to date: https://bepl.ent.sirsi.net/client/en_US/default/?#

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library continues to assess the situation with guidance from the Erie County Department of Health, New York State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control. You can find reliable and up-to-date information about the outbreak from the following vetted resources:

Erie County Department of Health: <http://www2.erie.gov/health/index.php?q=coronavirus>

New York State Department of Health: <https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/>

Centers for Disease Control (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/cases-in-us.html>

We will have more information about any changes in the coming days. We appreciate your patience, encourage you to use our electronic resources and hope you stay healthy. Thank you for using Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries.

Sincerely,

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