

March 13, 2020

Dear Patrons,

As you know, Kittitas County is experiencing an outbreak of the Novel Coronavirus, also known as COVID-19. A respiratory illness, it is spread from person to person. As of now, there are confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kittitas County.

We are committed to the health and well-being of both the public and Library/HH staff. **As of March 13, 2020 at 3pm, the Library and Hal Holmes Center will be closed to the public until further notice.** We will continually monitor the situation and make weekly assessments. We apologize for this inconvenience. In the meantime:

- Library items can still be returned through our book drops located outside on 3rd street and alley.
- If you have an item on hold, we ask your patience as we try to assist you individually.
- Late fines accrued after March 13th will be waived. But if you can return your materials by its due date, we would greatly appreciate it.

I'd like to encourage you to check out our online books and media resources. We subscribe to Anytime Library <https://anytime.overdrive.com/> and RBDigital <https://ellensburgwa.rbdigital.com/> that provides over 10,000 eBooks and eAudio titles that you can download to your electronic device. We also have our new movie streaming service Kanopy <https://ellensburg.kanopy.com/> that provides films you can download and watch (5 films per month). Kids Kanopy have unlimited streaming options.

In the meantime, you can also stay informed through the following resources for current and accurate information <https://www.co.kittitas.wa.us/response/202003-covid19/default.aspx>. Please stay safe and take care.

Sincerely,

Josephine Camarillo
Ellensburg Public Library, Director