



For Immediate Release
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Lake Oswego Public Library to Close until April 1

LAKE OSWEGO – To support public health, the Lake Oswego Public Library will close at 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 14, and will remain closed through the end of the month. We hope to re-open on Wednesday, April 1. Over 18,000 residents visit the Lake Oswego Public Library each month.

We recognize that this service disruption will have a significant impact our community and did not make the decision lightly. Library and city management are following the guidance of public health officials and will continually reassess the situation and our response.

To support our library users during this time, we have made the following adjustments:

- All materials will have due dates extended to April 30.
- All hold pick-up dates will be extended to April 8.
- Please keep your library materials until the due date or until the library re-opens.

We encourage you to explore the multitude of ways you can continue taking advantage of library resources and services, even if you cannot visit the physical library. With your library card, you have free, 24/7 access to the following digital services:

- E-books and e-audiobooks for children, teens, and adults – and we are temporarily expanding the number of available audiobooks in [CloudLibrary](#)
- Full-text e-magazines with [RBDigital](#)
- Streaming video with [Kanopy](#) – and we are temporary doubling the number of play credits for each library card holder
- Art and craft video tutorials with [Creativebug](#)
- Book recommendations and read-alikes with [NoveList Plus](#)
- Language learning with [Pronunciator](#)
- And much more

Beginning Monday, March 16, residents without a library card will be able to register for e-card access via linc.org, granting instant access to our online content. The [LINCC mobile app](#) (<http://bit.ly/LOLibraryMobileApp>) is also free to download on your devices. Use it to browse the collections, access your account, place holds, check out e-books and e-audiobooks, renew items, and more.

Need help from a staff member? Lake Oswego Public Library will continue to offer telephone services, Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. Customers can also visit the Library's webpage, www.lakeoswegolibrary.org, for additional information and updates.

The closure of the Library follows Thursday's announcement that the City would be implementing strategies to help slow the spread of COVID-19. These measures included canceling programs, camps, and meetings. To see a full list, please visit www.lakeoswego.city/community/Novel-Coronavirus.

The health and safety of our community members and staff is of our utmost importance, as is providing the community with essential services such as police and fire protection, quality drinking water, and well-maintained infrastructure.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and continued support of your library.

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