

The Big Bend Village Library will be closed to the public from Monday March 16 through Sunday April 5, 2020, or until further notice. All library programs will be cancelled or rescheduled. All overdue fines during this time period will be waived. Any holds you make will be kept for you and available when we reopen. We will update you with any changes on our Facebook and webpage. Please contact us at 262.662.3571 with any questions, and we will get back to you during regular weekday business hours. As always, we appreciate your patronage, and look forward to seeing you, healthy, soon!

The following is a response that many of the libraries share:

A variety of factors prompt the service change including the declaration of a national emergency, the latest health information available as of today and the safety of the community. Very specific factors to our Library include the closing of the school district, which most likely would prompt greater foot traffic in the Library in close quarters with an inability to continually sanitize, the areas in the library that encourage gathering, vulnerable populations that visit the Library including senior citizens, and the inability to maintain social distances. We would rather, as some in the Bridges Library System have elected to do, close for the greater good than become an epicenter for transmission and spread.

At an abundance of caution, we urge our community to remain calm. We understand that public opinion may be varied, however as a matter of concern and a deep understanding of the variety of users of the Library and the limitations of the facility and staff, these difficult decisions were reached with the most reputable informative resources available.

Updates on any public library closures will be posted on the Bridges Library System's website should they occur: <https://bridgeslibrarysystem.org/library-closings/>.

Please see the following resources for more information on COVID-19:

- [Wisconsin Department for Health Services](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)
- [Waukesha County Public Health](#)