

Woods Memorial Library

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March 16, 2020 Update

Woods Memorial Library, the Barre Board of Library Trustees, and the Town of Barre take the health of its staff and patrons very seriously. As a precautionary measure against the spread of the highly- contagious COVID-19, **the library will be closed to the public for at least three weeks effective immediately, tentatively rescheduled to open to the public on Tuesday, April 7.** We will continue to monitor the situation and reevaluate as necessary; any changes will be posted on our website, Facebook, and telephone voicemail message.

Library staff will continue to provide what services they can for as long as possible. We will be available by phone and email during our usual open hours for any question you may have.

We are discussing the possibility of implementing a system for library users to pick up in-house items and holds during designated pickup times, weather permitting and subject to change or cancellation upon review. We are also looking into activities that can be done at a distance and free online resources being offered by other organizations. Details about any services offered will be posted to this page.

There will be no consequences for materials that are currently on hold or due back during the time of our closure, whether they are from our library or from other C/W MARS libraries (our library network). Due to the number of libraries that have closed and the stoppage of delivery services between MA libraries, **C/W MARS will be extending due dates to May 1, 2020. Patron library cards with expiration dates between February 16 and April 30, 2020, will also be updated to May 1.** They will review and extend this as required.

We ask that patrons keep borrowed materials at home until we reopen. Again, the due date for borrowed materials will be May 1, so **there is no reason to put anyone at risk by using the book return**, since we are not able to disinfect it as frequently as patrons might use it.

Patrons may visit Overdrive by clicking on the "Overdrive" link on our homepage, or by downloading Libby, a free app available for download on Android and iOS devices to borrow e-content. From there, you can borrow e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines by signing in with your library card and pin number.

For any questions or concerns, or for assistance navigating online resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to the library. We are here to help you.

Please stay healthy and safe!

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