



# Decorah Public Library

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**RE: Decorah Public Library closure announced- effective immediately**

Out of concern for the health and well-being of the community, Decorah Public Library will be closed effective immediately (March 16).

Library Director Kristin Torresdal said "Our mission centers on serving the community; we have determined that the most important service we can render at this time is to aid social distancing measures and limit community spread. It is our hope that by discontinuing open hours in the short term, we can help protect our most vulnerable community members."

Public Libraries across the state are announcing closures this week as k-12 schools and colleges and universities are also closing or moving to online education modules.

"Don't worry about due dates or fines," Torresdal said, "just hang on to any library materials you have for now and we'll get things sorted out as we move forward. Community members can still access free e-books and digital audiobooks via our website during this time. Staff will also share recommendations for additional online resources on our social media pages."

When open hours resume that information will be made available on the library's website, social media, and in local media outlets. Contact Torresdal at [ktorresdal@decorah.lib.ia.us](mailto:ktorresdal@decorah.lib.ia.us) with questions.

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**The Decorah Public Library is an all-encompassing resource center providing materials and programs for the leisure, entertainment and the life-long learning of the citizens of Decorah and the Winneshiek County area. The library capitalizes on opportunities to develop and provide innovative services to the public.**

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