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RPL to close all locations to prevent spread of COVID-19 virus

Effective Monday, March 16 at 9:00pm, all Regina Public Library locations are closed until further notice.

“After consulting with the City of Regina, as well as federal and provincial information sources, we’ve determined that closing our doors is the best course of action for the health and safety of our customers, staff, and community,” said Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO.

All RPL programs, events, and meeting room bookings will be suspended until further notice. Outreach Services, visits to schools and daycares, and all off-site programming will also be cancelled during the closure.

Due dates for physical library materials will be extended. Fines on library materials will be waived retroactively from Friday, March 13. Library customers are encouraged to hold onto any borrowed materials until RPL reopens.

RPL will continue to offer customer support and information services via phone and email during regular hours of operation. Any service changes will be posted to our website and shared with media outlets.

Digital services, including access to eBooks and eAudiobooks, streaming video and music, online courses and more, will remain available and can be accessed through the RPL website, reginalibrary.ca.

RPL will continue to monitor this situation as it evolves. Updates on the closure and library services will be posted to our website and social media channels, as they become available.

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