



A Message from Your Library

UPDATE** effective March 23, 2020

Due to the rapid spread of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Kiowa County Board of Commissioners made the difficult decision last week to **close all county buildings for public access until further notice.**

** Due to the Public Health Order 20-24 set forth by Governor Polis yesterday to reduce in-person workforce by 50% or implement tele-work options to the greatest extent possible, the Kiowa County Public Library District (**KCPLD**) **will be temporarily closed until April 20, 2020** (unless recommendations are lifted prior to that date). All KCPLD programs, events, outreach activities and one-on-one trainings are cancelled until further notice. Starting next week on Monday, March 30th we will be implementing PHO 20-24 and practicing extreme social distancing by working from home. During this closure we want to continue to be transparent and keep everyone as up-to-date as possible during this trying time.

Here are a few key things we want you to be aware of:

- KCPLD is temporarily **closed until at least April 20, 2020.**
- KCPLD is offering a **one-time delivery to all Kiowa County residents until Wednesday, March 25, 2020, at 4:30 pm.**
- KCPLD staff can be reached anytime throughout this closure via our website, Facebook page, and email. Phone assistance available Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM
- Please keep ALL library materials at home until we reopen. Please do NOT even return them to our outside book drop. We ask that you just hold onto them. Also, there will be NO Inter-Library Loans throughout this closure. Please hold them as well. *There will be **NO late fees or fines** charged for materials or ILL's that are checked out at this time and all due dates have been extended.*

While KCPLD's doors are closed, some of our services are still operating:

- Our 24/7 Wi-Fi can be accessed by anyone outside of the library--in the vicinity of the courthouse--all day, every day.
- We have thousands (literally) of eBooks and eAudiobooks available through our Cloud Library app.
- Our online databases are available 24/7 through our website: **Resources for all school age and academic students**; small engine and auto repair help; genealogy; and many more! You will also find other free resources being offered from different companies during this time on our website.
- A list of fun resources for children can be found here: www.virtualschoolactivities.com

Please call or send us a message if you need help accessing any of these resources. We can assist you with downloading the Cloud Library app and instruct you how to access our website resources - We are happy to help!

We will continue to monitor the situation closely and provide updates on our website, Facebook page, local newspapers and the North courthouse door. In the meantime, we encourage you to reach out to us any time with your questions, comments, and concerns.

As a community- and service-minded organization we want you to know that our decision to close was not easily made. The health and well-being of our Kiowa County community, patrons, and library staff is of the utmost importance to us. We are still working diligently to serve the heart of our organization, which is YOU, the Kiowa County Community! Thank you for your understanding and support during this trying time.

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