

3/24/20

The [Safer at Home executive order](#) states that "libraries shall close for all in-person services, but may continue to provide on-line services and programming." This order will remain in effect until 8:00 a.m. Friday, April 24, 2020. Please keep an eye on the [Ellsworth Public Library website](#) or the EPL Facebook page for updates on programming and on-line services.

3/23/20

Due to:

1. Governor Evers call to close all non-essential businesses
2. The confirmation of more COVID-19 cases in Pierce County
3. and our concerns for the safety and well being of all of our patrons and staff

The Ellsworth Public Library is now closed to all on-site services.

Our book drop is closed

“Door Pick-up” services are suspended.

Library staff will be working from home.

Please continue to watch our website, Facebook and Instagram pages and our e-newsletter for updates. We will continue to monitor the situation and may be able to resume services as recommendations and guidelines change or loosen in the coming weeks.

Ways to connect with library services and materials off-site:

- o Access e-books, e-audiobooks and e-magazines from our MORE catalog
- o Access language learning for all ages using Transparent Languages (link on MORE catalog page)
- o Access Tumblebooks, Tumblemath, and Teen Book Cloud from our EPL webpage
- o Watch our Facebook page for tutorials on how to use your library card to access free e-services, online events and other fun content from your friendly EPL librarians, as well as information on how to access community services.

Please send an email to eplstaff@ellsworthlibrary.org or message us on Facebook if you need anything at all. We will still be here for your research, reference and information needs.

3/17/2020

At 1:47 p.m., on March 17, 2020, the State of Wisconsin issued a press release regarding the Emergency Order #5 issued by Governor Tony Evers, which prohibits mass gatherings of 10 people or more, beginning at 5:00 p.m. on March 17. Libraries fall within the Emergency Order #5.

Ellsworth Public Library will **NOT be able to reopen on Thursday, March 17, 2020** to library patrons or for the Library Board meeting. The meeting will still occur, and will be made public by conference call.

3/16/2020

Ellsworth Public Library will be **CLOSED** for cleaning from 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 17 through 4:30 p.m., Thursday, March 19. The Library Board will meet at 5:00 p.m. on March 19 to discuss closure due to COVID - 19.

If you have items you'd like to pick up from the hold shelf during our March 17-19 closure, please call 715-273-3209 to set up a time during regular open hours to pick up these items. You will need to give your library card number when you call. One of our staff will deliver items to you at either our front or back entrance.

Please check our website or Facebook for additional updates.

3/13/2020

In the interest of protecting our staff and patrons, in particular the high-risk populations we serve, the library has taken the following preventative measures:

- We are cleaning and disinfecting rigorously with an extra focus on often-used items.
- We have removed a large amount of the toys from our children's area temporarily to reduce the possibility for transmission among our littlest patrons.
- We are working to stay updated on COVID-19 news so we are able to pass on accurate information to our patrons.
- We are washing our hands often and following other Wisconsin Department of Health Services guidelines on what every person can do. Check out that information here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>

Programs might be suspended. This decision will be based on recommendations by local and regional public health organizations or closure of schools in the Ellsworth school district. Please check Facebook or the library website for details regarding changes in programming.

DUE TO THE CLOSURES OF SCHOOLS IN WISCONSIN, ALL LIBRARY PROGRAMS WILL BE SUSPENDED MARCH 16TH - APRIL 5TH.

For more information the following reliable websites may be helpful:

Pierce County

<https://www.co.pierce.wi.us/>

St. Croix County – Health Alerts

<https://www.sccwi.gov/AlertCenter.aspx>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/coronavirus.htm>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

World Health Organization

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>