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Lake Villa District Library cancels programs in response to COVID-19

March 12, 2020....Lake Villa District Library has canceled all public programs and meeting room reservations through March 31, 2020 in response to COVID-19.

These safety measures are being taken out of an abundance of caution, not due to any known exposure.

Recently, the Lake County Health Department and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) announced that a Lake County resident has tested positive at the IDPH laboratory for coronavirus disease (COVID-19). This development, along with ongoing news of additional Illinois cases and the declaration of a global pandemic from the World Health Organization (WHO), affirmed LVDL's decision.

All patrons affected by the service interruption are being notified, and a message has been posted to the library's website and social media.

The library remains open to the public. Visitors might notice additional adjustments designed to minimize exposure risk to both patrons and staff. Maintenance staff have enhanced cleaning efforts throughout the facility. Shared toys, games and activities have been removed. Planned distancing at public computers is in place. Homebound delivery has been suspended, and material due dates have been extended.

The library believes everyone has a responsibility in containing and controlling the virus and encourages visitors to do their part. Follow the public health measures recommended by officials: Stay home if not feeling well. Wash hands frequently.

Those seeking the latest on coronavirus can find links to the Lake County Health Department (LCHD), Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the World Health Organization (WHO) on the library's website at <https://www.lvdl.org/spotlight/lvdl-response-covid-19>

LVDL will promptly update the public as the situation warrants.

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