

Dear Cotuit Library patrons,

As more and more recommendations come out regarding precautionary measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, the Library has made the difficult decision to **stop offering curbside pickup and homebound delivery, effective immediately. If you have already been called to say your pick up is ready, it is waiting for you outside the Library.** Any items not picked up by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, March 20th will be put back.

The Library's **book drop is also closed.** Please do not try to return items you currently have out--you will not accrue any fines or fees from us or from the owning library. We are **not accepting book donations either**--it is important that you **not leave books outside the door.**

Just like in prior messages, this is a reminder that being closed to the public means that no patrons or visitors will be permitted inside the building. **This includes any outside groups that may use the Library for meetings.** All programs scheduled over the next two weeks, including **story hours, blood pressure screenings, game groups, movie viewings, support groups** and **book clubs**, are canceled. We will reschedule the Astronomy Imaging Workshop and the Self-Publishing Workshop. Patrons will **not** be able to come into the Library to browse for books or read newspapers. This measure is being put in place to prevent our users from being exposed to the virus from other people or from contaminated materials in our space.

We will still be available on a limited basis to help you via telephone or email with downloading eBooks and eAudio to your mobile device or computer. If you need help with **downloading** electronic materials, please **email Gus Aslanian at gaslanian@clamsnet.org** with a message that has your phone number included, so that he can contact you to arrange a time to talk you through the process.

Programming & Resources:

As stated above, we have canceled or postponed all programming through 3/28 (and very likely beyond, but we will update you as more information becomes available). We will continue to provide some virtual experiences to our patrons during this time. Please check our website, cotuitlibrary.org and our [Facebook](#) page.

Now is the time to use our online services to get reading and listening materials! You can download the Libby app from Apple's [App Store](#) or from [Google Play](#) (for Android devices), and find instructions for borrowing e-materials on your mobile device at overdrive.com. The CLAMS network page (clamsnet.org) also has instructions on getting e-materials, located at the bottom of the page under "Library Links." As stated above if you're having trouble, email Gus Aslanian at gaslanian@clamsnet.org to arrange a time when he can talk you through it over the phone. You'll need your CLAMS card and PIN number (*for the time being, we will not be able to help you with barcodes and PINs*). We will still deliver homebound materials if our homebound patrons wish us to.

We also have a great set of online databases and books that you can peruse on our website (click [HERE](#)). Since we're being asked not to travel, take a virtual tour with Global Road Warrior, or try making your own world cuisine with recipes from A to Z World Foods!

Prevention:

We encourage everyone to take precautions to prevent the spread of flu, COVID-19, and other viruses. Here is the list provided by the Centers for Disease Control (cdc.gov):

- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care. Call your doctor's office before you go in to see if your situation can be resolved from home.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or a tissue.
- Throw away each tissue after one use.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

Please feel free to email us at librarian@cotuitlibrary.org with any questions or concerns, and visit our website cotuitlibrary.org for updates. We want to do our best for you under these circumstances. Stay safe, and we look forward to seeing you walk through our doors again soon.

Sincerely,

Antonia Stephens
Library Director