

# LIBRARY IS CLOSED

THROUGH APRIL 20  
(FURTHER UPDATES PENDING)

Valued Patrons,

In light of the developing pandemic the library is doing its part to help stop the spread of the COVID19 virus by ceasing all public operations and following local and national protocols and initiatives. Mayor Dittrich signed a mayoral order banning community gatherings of ten or more in the city of Benbrook. This is posted on the Community Bulletin Board near the library's main entrance and the library will comply, as most of its public service areas are not enclosed spaces.

After careful consideration of options that include limited services and operating hours, we are not convinced that staff could deliver services, which require adequate sanitization of all surfaces and borrowed materials, reliably during this period.

We are exploring creative ways library staff can continue their contributions by working from home and within the facility, albeit with irregular schedules.

The library already offers many valuable digital resources that are available to cardholders through its website. Access is achieved by entering the library card (without spaces) and the PIN is the last four digits of the library card. Borrowers may retain items checked out without penalty during this time.

The librarians are available through the following emails and will respond to the best of their ability:

Administration:	<a href="mailto:steve@benbrooklibrary.org">steve@benbrooklibrary.org</a>
Circulation:	<a href="mailto:sheryl@benbrooklibrary.org">sheryl@benbrooklibrary.org</a>
Youth Services:	<a href="mailto:miranda@benbrooklibrary.org">miranda@benbrooklibrary.org</a>
Adult Services:	<a href="mailto:cullen@benbrooklibrary.org">cullen@benbrooklibrary.org</a>
Community Engagement:	<a href="mailto:erica@benbrooklibrary.org">erica@benbrooklibrary.org</a>
General Reference:	<a href="mailto:reference@benbrooklibrary.org">reference@benbrooklibrary.org</a>

The library and its Board of Trustees will watch developments during the closure and will respond accordingly by extending the closure, offering limited services, or returning to normalcy.

Please monitor the library's website ([benbrooklibrary.org](http://benbrooklibrary.org)) and social media for further announcements and offerings.

We enjoy serving the Benbrook community and regret any hardships and inconveniences our closure has caused.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Library Staff