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Hartford Public Library to Close Indefinitely as a Result of COVID19

HARTFORD -- In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, as of Friday, March 20 the Hartford Public Library will be closed indefinitely and all book drops will be locked.

The library will issue updates as the situation develops. "We actively look forward to the day when our doors reopen and we are able to completely fulfill our commitment to our community," said Bridget Quinn-Carey, Hartford Public Library's president and CEO.

All Library fines will be waived for as long as the library is closed to the public. Library staff will still answer questions via phone at 860-695-6300 or via email at <u>contactus@hplct.org</u>.

The library will also suspend holds on physical items and will renew all library cards that expired between 10/1/2019 and 6/1/2020. All events will be canceled until further notice.

As always, <u>HPL's e-resources are always available</u> and continuing to grow.

In order to help halt the spread of COVID-19, reliable information is available at the following sources:

- City of Hartford's website: Hartford.gov
- <u>The United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u>
- Connecticut State Department of Public Health

For more information, call 860-695-6300 or email contactus@hplct.org.

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