



MCLS Libraries Closed

The Mercer County Library System will be closing all branches to the public March 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm until further notice. This is being done in accordance with federal, county, state, and municipal public health department suggestions to reduce congregating and flatten the curve to keep the virus spread minimal through social distancing to alleviate the strain on the health care system.

Last week, we suspended programming, community room use, and our home borrower delivery service. We are now suspending all other in person visits to the library. At this time, we will not be accepting and processing interlibrary loan requests and we ask that you refrain from dropping off donations.

What You Need To Know:

Our physical branches will be closed to the public, but we will be working to perform cleaning duties, checking in books from A.V. and Book Drops, and staffing online services.



- All due dates will be extended until we re-open. No fines will accrue.
- All holds currently waiting for pick-up will remain available for pick-up for a week after we open.
- Additional patron holds will not be processed at this time.
- You may continue to receive e-mail notifications that items have arrived for pick-up, but be advised those items will be available for one week after we re-open.

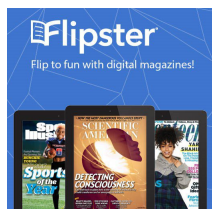
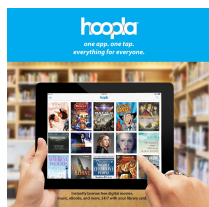
We strongly suggest that patrons suspend their holds during this period through our online catalog at www.mcl.org.

- If your card was set to expire during the closed period, we will extend your privileges until one week after we reopen. Expired cards will then need to be renewed in person at one of our branches. You may still receive a renewal notification during the closed period, as these notifications typically go out 30 days before the card would expire.

During this time, patrons can utilize the library in the following ways:

MCLS Virtual Branch:

Check out digital items such as eBooks, magazines, music, audiobooks, and movies.



Social Media:

@MCLSNJ



We are also pleased to announce our newly launched YouTube Channel, which features storytime and craft videos for our younger patrons!

VISIT www.mcl.org FOR MORE INFORMATION.

