



4-26-2020 UPDATE from the Library Director ON COVID-19

Executive Order No. 2020-59 (Temporary requirement to suspend activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life) issued by Governor Whitmer on April 24th extends the duration of measures that were previously put in place through May 15th. Therefore, the **Library will remain closed at least through May 15th**, with an opening date yet to be determined. While we know this closure is difficult for many, we must do what is best for the community, including the library staff, to stay healthy.

We will do our best to begin providing in-person library services as soon as it is deemed safe and practical. Plans are being made to reopen the library in phases with in-person services initially being very limited and eventually expanded as safety measures permit. Dates for each phase must remain flexible based on state and local restrictions and always keeping safety foremost in our decisions to make adjustments.

Please continue to keep all of the library materials that you previously checked out until we are able to safely accept returns, and don't worry about renewing items. No overdue fines will be assessed for the period that the library remains closed. Look for more details about this soon.

We continue to renew expiring library cards and issue new cards as needed. If you need a new card, you can apply online here: <https://www.salinelibrary.org/get-a-card/>

If you have other questions or concerns, you may contact library staff through our website: <https://www.salinelibrary.org/contact-us/>

Remember that Saline District Library is more than just a building. It is the library staff who are still working remotely to keep library collections up to date and stay in touch with you, and it is all of the great online resources that are curated for you. Once again we would like to thank the Friends of the Library for their generosity that allows us to enhance those resources during this unprecedented time. Explore our website to see all that is offered: <https://www.salinelibrary.org/>

Please follow SDL on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Saline-District-Library-469351625636/> where you'll see tips for educational and fun things to do. You can also watch SDL storytimes and join in with book discussions. We love to hear from you!

All of the SDL staff and I look forward to seeing you at the Library again as soon as possible!

Thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping our community safe.

Mary Ellen Mulcrone, Library Director