



Library is Closed but Connected

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CCPL Closed Until Further Notice Following Governor's Stay-At-Home Order

Carroll County, MD – Carroll County Public Library (CCPL) will be closed until further notice following Governor Hogan's order for continued social distancing and for residents to stay at home. While the library is closed, all fines on checked out materials will be waived. Customers can continue to stay connected to the library through multiple digital services and tech tools.

CCPL provides streaming movies, tv series, comics, graphic novels, music, books, magazines, and audiobooks, for all age groups, free with your library card. Since initially closing in response to state-issued social distancing guidelines, the library has increased the number of digital titles available, the number of platforms available, and monthly limits to customers. In addition, many titles will not count toward borrower limits and some platforms have no monthly borrowing limits. Tech tools include language learning through Mango, multiple databases for homework help, and genealogy research from Ancestry.

Starting this week, CCPL will begin offering virtual programs using the library's Facebook pages. Programs will include activities for multiple age groups, including book clubs, teen gaming tournaments, children's activities, and trivia. Virtual programs will be advertised on Facebook and the library's online calendar at <https://library.carr.org>.

CCPL has also developed a reading challenge, Spring into Reading, that is available for all ages. Sign up now at <https://carr.beanstack.org/reader365>. Participants log reading minutes and complete fun at-home activities to earn Reading and Activity badges. All who complete the program will be eligible for prize drawings.

Those who do not currently have a library card may register for a card online and immediately have access to most library-provided digital services. The digital card will expire in 60 days. Customers may then complete the registration process at their local branch.

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