



# Lebanon-Laclede County Library

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The unprecedented COVID-19 health crisis is changing daily life for everyone. The evidence points to early social distancing helping to slow the spread of the virus.

As we have reviewed the information from public health officials, recommendations from the American Library Association and in response to the confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our state, the Lebanon-Laclede County Library has made the difficult decision to close our building to the public effective Wednesday March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. through Sunday, April 5.

The Lebanon-Laclede County **will not charge any** overdue fines and all checkout periods will be extended through April 10<sup>th</sup>. All pending holds will be frozen so you will keep your place in line when we re-open. We ask that patrons **absolutely do not** return checked out materials. The book drop will be locked after 3 p.m. today. Please keep all library materials at home. **You will not be penalized.**

As always, our broad collection of digital resources like e-books, e-audiobooks and databases are available 24/7. Our Overdrive/Libby and RBDigital collections are available via the library's website **[lebanon-laclede.lib.mo.us](http://lebanon-laclede.lib.mo.us)**

We commit to keeping our community informed and will be posting regular updates to the media and on the library's Facebook page. The decision to close the Library was difficult and taken with great thought and consideration. We appreciated the support of our staff, our patrons and our community during this challenging time.