



COPIAGUE MEMORIAL PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Board of Trustees and Administration of the Copiague Memorial Public Library continue to closely monitor developments pertaining to the coronavirus pandemic.

It is deeply disappointing for us to be closed to the public, and unsettling to have such an unclear picture of the next few months. It goes against the very nature and purpose of the public library as an institution to not be open and available to provide information and entertainment for our patrons. We know we are doing what is necessary to best support the health and wellness of the community. We will get through all of this uncertainty together.

We have decided that we are cancelling or re-scheduling all in-person public programs and events that we had scheduled through at least the end of May. Unfortunately, this means the postponement of several popular programs (our Annual Garage Sale, Friends of the Library Books Sale, exercise programs, crafts and cooking classes) concerts, trips and special events we had planned in the month of May. You will not receive a May/June Library newsletter in your mailbox in the coming weeks. We continue to hold out hope for June, and will keep you updated.

While we are closed, we are putting our energy towards finding new, creative, and smart ways to continue serving the public. We have converted some of our in-person programs to online, so that patrons and their families can enjoy them from the safety and comfort of their homes. We continue to offer great online services so patrons can enjoy e-books, audiobooks, movies, TV shows, music and family programming on their smart devices, as well as learning tools for adults, teens and children to help with schoolwork or learn a new skill. Everything you need can be found on our website, **copiaguelibrary.org**. You can also contact a library staff member for help by calling the library at 631-691-1111 and leaving a message or e-mailing us at information@copiaguelibrary.org.

The Board of Trustees and Administration of the Copiague Memorial Public Library have also decided that in these unprecedented times, which have imposed significant financial hardship upon so many, the Library will reduce its original proposed 2020 – 2021 budget, and operate with the same tax levy as it did in 2019 – 2020. There will be no increase in Library taxes for the coming year and no budget vote. The Library Trustee election, originally scheduled for April 7, will be rescheduled to an as yet undetermined date after June 1. We believe that these decisions are in the best interest of our community. We look forward to a time when we can once again welcome patrons into their library building and provide all of the services you have come to expect.

Be well,

The Board of Trustees and Administration of the Copiague Memorial Public Library