

## COVID-19 Precautions

Following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Ohio Department of Health, Mercer County District Library is implementing the following protocols to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 (coronavirus) within our library locations:

- All toys are being removed from children's play areas to be disinfected and stored until further notice.
- On-Site, curbside delivery will soon be an option. Patrons can call the library to request library materials be delivered to their vehicle.
- Library items may be renewed over the phone. If you have an approaching due date, do not come to the library just to return items.
- All programs on library property that involve preparing, dispensing or serving food will no longer have food
- Hands-on activities will follow a strict cleaning protocol with all implements used sanitized immediately preceding and following program hours.
- Hand sanitizer, tissues and disinfectant wipes will be available for individual use at all public service desks.
- Outreach Services will follow guidance from individual schools, daycare, and senior living facilities.

As of now, the library hopes to maintain our basic services as long as we safely can, while still making good choices for our staff and public. These protocols demonstrate our preparedness and as the situation moves forward additional precautions may be taken. Patrons are encouraged to take this opportunity and familiarize themselves with the Library's digital resources, such as the Ohio Digital Library and Lynda.com, available to cardholders 24/7 and accessible from our website [mercerlibrary.org](http://mercerlibrary.org).

In all instances, we ask people not to come to any library location if they are feeling sick, running a fever, have a compromised immune system, or have other health concerns. Patrons may call in to their local branch with questions or email [contact@mercerlibrary.org](mailto:contact@mercerlibrary.org).

As always, the Mercer County District Library strives to be an integral part of the community it serves by providing materials and services for residents of all ages for personal enrichment, enjoyment, and educational needs. However, the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, and the Mercer County District Library will continue to monitor the situation and collaborate with public health officials to determine whether changes are needed to these protocols. These and future policy updates are available online at [MercerLibrary.org/Policies](http://MercerLibrary.org/Policies).

