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Dear Patrons,

The current health emergency is causing anxiety across our community. The Town and the Library are sensitive to that, and want to apprise you of the steps we are taking to address the situation.

The Public Library of Brookline is working closely with the Brookline Office of Public Health and other Town Departments to monitor the latest information and guidelines provided by the by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) related to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

The Library's highest priority is the health and well-being of library users, staff and volunteers. To help ensure that our library is safe and welcoming to all, we have implemented a strategy that prioritizes prevention. At present, there is no change in our hours, however, we are taking the following precautions:

- In response to the Governor's State of Emergency declaration and recommendation that non-essential gatherings be canceled, we are canceling all library programs through April 30, 2020.
- We are also closing our public meeting rooms to outside use through April 30, 2020 and will be in touch with any group scheduled to use these spaces.
- You will find hand sanitizer at all public service desks. Our restrooms have plenty of hot water and soap for washing hands.
- We are doubling down on our cleaning of high-touch areas, such as door handles, stair railings, public computers, and other surfaces.
- There is COVID-19 information posted throughout the library building.
- Out of an abundance of caution, we are removing toys, puzzles, Chromebooks, Launchpads, and games from our public areas. We will re-introduce these popular items as soon as we feel it is safe to do so.

Things are changing quickly and the library will continue to work closely with the Brookline Office of Public Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to determine if other actions are warranted. Please check the [library website](#) and social media for frequent updates.

Remember – here are a few things you can do to help take care of your health and help protect others:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water (20 seconds of scrubbing) or use alcohol-based hand cleaners (cover all surfaces and rub until dry).
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue. Dispose of used tissues immediately into a trash can. If you don't have a tissue, cough/sneeze into the crook of your elbow, not your hands.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, which accelerates the spread of infections.

- If you're not feeling well, please stay home.
- Visit <https://www.brooklinema.gov/covid-19> for the latest Town updates and information on COVID-19.

It is important to remember that COVID-19 isn't connected to race, ethnicity or nationality. Stigma will not help fight the illness. Sharing accurate information from trusted sources is critical to reduce misinformation. Find reliable and current information about the outbreak from local, state, and national agencies below.

[Town Administrator Mel Kleckner has issued a statement to the residents of Brookline, please read that](#)

[Please sign up here for Alert Brookline to receive push notifications from the Town.](#)

We thank you for your continued support and for helping keep Brookline safe and welcoming.

Stay Healthy!

Sara Slymon

Library Director

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亲爱的用户们,

当前的卫生紧急状况正引发我们整个社区的焦虑。市政府和图书馆对此十分敏感, 在此我们向您说明正在采取的应对措施。

布鲁克兰公共图书馆正与布鲁克兰公共卫生办公室密切合作, 结合其他市政府部门一起监控由麻萨诸塞州公共健康部门(MDPH)及疾病控制和预防中心(CDC)提供的有关新型冠状病毒(COVID-19)的最新信息和指导方针。

图书馆把我们的用户、工作人员和志愿者的健康和福利放在首位。为了确保我们图书馆成为一个能够接纳所有人的安全场所, 我们植入了以预防为当务之急的重要策略。目前, 图书馆运行时间尚无变化, 同时实施以下预防措施:

- 为响应州长紧急状态声明和建议，取消不必要集会，我们将取消所有2020年4月30日之前的图书馆活动。
- 图书馆会议室也将于2020年4月30日之前停止使用，我们将联络所有在此期间预订使用会议室的团体。
- 所有公共服务台将提供免洗洗手液。图书馆公共洗手间内配有热水和肥皂供您洗手。
- 我们正在加倍努力清洁高接触区域，如门把手、楼梯扶手、公用电脑和其他表面。
- 图书馆内到处张贴着有关新型冠状病毒(COVID-19)的信息。

谨慎起见，我们正在移除公用区域的玩具、拼图、网络笔记本电脑(chromebook)、平板游戏(launchpad)和桌面游戏。我们将于疫情过后尽快重新推出这些受欢迎的内容。

疫情正在迅速演变中，图书馆将继续与布鲁克林公共卫生办公室以及马萨诸塞州公共卫生部门密切合作，以确定是否有必要采取其他行动。请查看[图书馆网页](#)及社交媒体上的频繁更新。

请记住 -- 您可以采取以下几项措施来帮助保护自己和他人的健康：

- 经常用肥皂和清水洗手(搓洗20秒钟)或使用含酒精的免洗洗手液(覆盖双手所有表面并揉搓至干)。
- 咳嗽/打喷嚏时，请使用纸巾遮掩口鼻，并立即将用过的纸巾妥善处理。如果没有纸巾，请使用自己的手肘弯曲部位遮掩口鼻，而非使用双手遮掩。
- 避免触摸眼睛、鼻子和嘴巴，因为如此会加速感染的传播。
- 如果您感觉不舒服，请待在家里。
- 连接<https://www.brooklinema.gov/covid-19>了解市政府发布的最新消息以及新型冠状病毒(COVID-19)的信息。

重要的是请记住，新型冠状病毒(COVID-19)与种族、民族或国籍无关。污名化无助于与疾病作斗争。共享来自可信来源的准确信息对于减少错误认识至关重要。请从以下地方、州和国家机构查找有关疫情的可靠和最新信息。

市政官员Mel Kleckner向布鲁克林居民发表了一份声明，请在[这里](#)取读。

请在[这里](#)注册Alert Brookline，以接收来自市政府的推送通知。

我们感谢您一直以来的支持，及帮助维护布鲁克兰安全和友善的环境。

请保持健康!

Sara Slymon

图书馆馆长