

Woods Memorial Library

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March 18, 2020 update (changes are highlighted)

Woods Memorial Library, the Barre Board of Library Trustees, and the Town of Barre take the health of its staff and patrons very seriously. As a precautionary measure against the spread of the highly-contagious COVID-19, **the library closed to the public effective Friday March 13, tentatively rescheduled to open to the public on Tuesday, April 7, acknowledging that we may need to extend the closure further.** We will continue to monitor the situation and reevaluate as necessary; any changes will be posted on our website, Facebook, and telephone voicemail message.

If you do not currently have a library card and wish to use our electronic resources that require one, please contact the library by phone or email and **we will set up a library card that you can use while we are closed.** If you wish to continue to use the library after we reopen—and we hope you will!—you will be able to make the card permanent by coming to the library with identification.

Please share the news that **Charter Communications is offering “free Spectrum broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have a Spectrum broadband subscription** and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.” **Please check [this link](#) for more details.**

We are looking into the possibility of expanding our electronic collection via [OverDrive](#) and beyond. We are also investigating activities that can be done at a distance. Details about any additional library resources and services offered will be posted to our website and Facebook, along with other free events and resources.

C/W MARS is looking into purchasing additional copies of electronic titles with long waiting lists. They are also working on providing an OverDrive digital card, which allows residents without library cards in the network’s geographic region to temporarily access OverDrive e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines. This is separate from our temporary library card; you do not need both cards. Additionally, **you can sign up for a [Boston Public Library ecard](#) to access their [electronic materials and resources](#).**

In addition to using [OverDrive](#), patrons may borrow e-content by downloading Libby, a free app available for download on Android and iOS devices. From there, you can borrow e-books, e-audiobooks, and e-magazines by signing in with your library card and PIN. **Please contact the library if you need help or don’t recall your PIN.**

There will be no consequences for materials that are currently on hold or due back during the time of our closure, whether they are from our library or other C/W MARS libraries. **C/W MARS has extended due dates to May 1, 2020, and are looking into extending waiting list expiry dates to November 1, 2020.** Patron library cards with expiration dates between February 16 and April 30, 2020, have also been updated to May 1. They will review and extend these dates as required. During our closure, **finances will not be charged for materials borrowed from other libraries that usually charge overdue fines.**

We ask that patrons keep borrowed material at home until we reopen. The book return at the parking lot entrance is locked, since we are not able to disinfect it as frequently as patrons might use it. **If items are left outside the library, patrons will be responsible for any damage or loss.**

For any questions or concerns, or for assistance navigating online resources, please do not hesitate to reach out to the library. We are here to help you.

Please stay healthy and safe!

Woods Memorial Library Staff & Barre Board of Library Trustees