



Saskatchewan Libraries and COVID-19

The COVID-19 outbreak has impacted communities and individuals worldwide, and Saskatchewan libraries are no exception. In an effort to slow the COVID-19 spread, the government of Saskatchewan has declared a state of emergency, which for us means the closure of library facilities and cancellation of in-person programs, events and services. SLA has compiled a list of locations and services that have been affected by the restrictions. Please note that this list is not exhaustive and some information may be subject to change. We also encourage library patrons to use online resources available through libraries' websites. If you have any questions, please contact your local library directly.

Public Libraries

Chinook Regional Library: All branches closed as of March 16. Overdue fines are waived.

<u>John M. Cuelenaere Public Library</u>: Library closed to the public as of March 17. Book drop remains open for returning materials. Late fees suspended until April 14.

<u>Lakeland Library Region</u>: All programs and room bookings cancelled indefinitely effective March 17. All branches closed as of March 20. Holds have been extended to 42 days (6 weeks). Late fees between March 13 and April 14 are waived. Book return boxes/slots still available at branches that provide them. Wi-fi is still available outside of the buildings.

Palliser Regional Library: All branches closed. E-resources still available through the website.

Parkland Regional Library: All branches closed as of March 23. Overdue fines are suspended.

<u>Pahkisimon Nuye?ah Library System</u>: Headquarters closed from March 16 to April 14 (tentatively). Holds and fines are disabled. Library materials currently checked out have been extended for 6 weeks.

<u>Regina Public Library</u>: All branches, including book drops, are closed until further notice. Due dates and holds have been extended. Fines are suspended. Public room bookings, off-site programs are cancelled.

<u>Saskatoon Public Library</u>: All branches, including book drops are closed from March 16 until at least April 20. Holds are suspended, as well as late fees accumulated from March 13 on.

<u>Southeast Regional Library</u>: All branches closed from March 20 to April 18. All programming and holds are cancelled. Fees will be waived from March 16 and April 14.

<u>Wapiti Regional Library</u>: All programs and library events cancelled as of March 16. All branches closed as of March 20. Due dates for materials are extended and fines are waived as of March 13.

Wheatland Regional Library: All branches closed temporarily as of March 20.

Academic Libraries

<u>Campion Library</u>: Closed until further notice. Reference services still available by email. Checked out materials are due at the end of the winter semester.

<u>Dr. John Archer Library, University of Regina</u>: In-person services are closed as of March 23. Online services still available for students, staff and faculty. Fines are waived.

Gabriel Dumont Institute Library: Closed to the general/walk-in public.

<u>Luther College Library</u>: Services available online only as of March 23. Materials are due at the end of the winter semester. Fees are waived.

<u>Murray Library, University of Saskatchewan</u>: Library closed as of March 25. Materials currently checked out are due on September 30.

<u>Saskatchewan Polytechnic Library</u>: Library services available online and through the chat services.