

## COVID-19 Precautions at the Library

We have implemented an increased level of sanitization of all public computers, public copiers, public restrooms, door knobs, non-upholstered chairs and other commonly shared hard surfaces.

For everyone's safety, all hard and soft surface children's educational toys have been temporarily suspended from in-house use. They will be returned for in-library use after they have been cleaned and determined safe and appropriate for community use.

At this time, all Library sponsored programs, including Big Read programs and English as a Second Language (ESL Conversation Circle) have been suspended through March 31, 2020. We will reevaluate our programs in early April.

Because of the large number of library closures in our region, MeLCat library services may be severely restricted.

If you are currently sick or not feeling well, we respectfully request that you do not visit the library. There are return drop boxes at all library locations. Items may be renewed online at [dearbornlibrary.org](http://dearbornlibrary.org) or by contacting the Bryant Branch (313-943-4091) or Esper Branch (313-943-4096) libraries.

We encourage all patrons to minimize visits to the Library by familiarizing themselves with our digital download services such as Overdrive, Tumble Books, Book Flix, rbDigital and hoopla. hoopla checkouts have been increased from 10 to 15 per month effective immediately. These services offer e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, e-comic books, and downloadable music and videos. Gale Courses, our free online learning subscription covering a variety of subjects, begins a new series of classes on March 18.

Thank you for being understanding and cooperative. Our primary objective is to maintain a clean and safe environment for everyone to use and enjoy during this time of heightened health risks.

We will monitor the situation and continue to take proactive measures for the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely

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