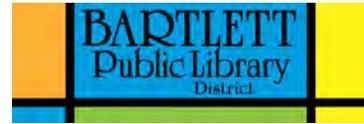


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Bartlett Public Library District
800 S. Bartlett Rd.
Bartlett, IL 60103



Bartlett Public Library District Closed Until Further Notice

The Bartlett Public Library District will be closed effective starting at 9:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2020 through March 30, 2020, with a tentative opening date of March 31, 2020. It's recommended that patrons check the Library's website or social media sites for the latest Library news. Please note that this is not due to any COVID-19 cases, it is a preventative measure for the health and safety of patrons and staff members.

Here are important changes the public needs to be aware of:

- During this time, the book drop will be closed, meaning patrons will not be able to return Library materials. Patrons are encouraged to keep Library materials at home for now. Because of this measure, overdue fines will be forgiven when the Library reopens.
- If patrons have items on hold, they will be available to pick up for a few days when the Library reopens. If patrons place holds on items during the time the Library is closed, the orders will be processed when the building reopens and the patrons will be notified accordingly.
- Placing InterLibrary Loans (ILLs) via the online catalog has been suspended during this time.
- Maintenance staff will be doing a deep cleaning of the building while it is closed.
- Though the building will be closed, the Library's Wi-Fi will remain available. If needed, patrons may utilize this service if they are nearby the building. As far as internet access at home, patrons may check internet companies as they may provide special offers or assistance.
- The Library's services of Museum Adventure Passes and Explore More Illinois are being suspended during this time.
- When the Library reopens, staff will work to sanitize materials being checked-in.
- The Board of Trustees passed a Pandemic Response Policy & Procedures document at the Board Meeting on Monday, March 16, 2020, which outlines steps the Library will take in case of a pandemic.
- The election on March 17, 2020 will still be held in the Meeting Room, though the rest of the building will be closed.
- If there are any questions, contact askus@bartlettlibrary.org or message the Library through their social media channels.

Notices of any changes will be made to the public via press releases, social media postings or news posted to the website at www.bartlettlibrary.org. Patrons may also sign up for the Library's eNewsletter for information. To sign up, head to the Library's website, scroll to the bottom of the

screen and hit the button that says “Subscribe to our eNewsletters.” From there, customizable options are available.

It is also important to keep in mind that patrons don’t have to leave homes in order to take advantage of Library offerings. There are plenty of downloadable and streaming services that allow patrons to watch TV, listen to music, read eBooks, listen to eAudiobooks and more.

The following is a list of downloadable and streaming services the Library provides to BPLD patrons:

Flipster

Browse digital versions of the latest issues of popular magazines to which the Library subscribes. Magazines can be downloaded to Android phones and tablets, Apple phones and tablets, and Kindle Fire tablets for offline reading anytime, anywhere.

Freegal Music

Freegal Music is a downloadable music service. All you need is your Library Card number and PIN. With access to the Sony Music Entertainment catalog, it offers hundreds of thousands of songs, over 100 genres of music and more than 50 record labels.

Hoopla

Instantly borrow free digital movies, music, eBooks and more on your smartphone, tablet and computer. Use your Library Card number and PIN to set up a Hoopla account. BPLD patrons can stream or download up to five items per month.

Libby

Libby hosts an eMedia collection featuring downloadable eAudiobooks and eBooks. All you need is your Library Card number and PIN. eBooks and eAudiobooks can be downloaded to your computer or smart device.

TumbleBook Library

TumbleBook Library is an online collection of TumbleBooks – animated, talking picture books which teach kids the joy of reading in a format they'll love. TumbleBooks are created by adding animation, sound, music and narration to existing picture books in order to produce an electronic picture book, which you can read, or have read to you.

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The Bartlett Public Library District, located at 800 S. Bartlett Rd., provides programs and services to meet the needs of the community. For more information and a complete listing of scheduled programs, call 630.837.2855 or visit www.bartlettlibrary.org.