

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Hopkinsville, KY March 30, 2020 – CLOSURE UPDATE:** The Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library (HCCPL) will be closed through the end of April 2020, in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All scheduled programs are cancelled through Saturday, May 2nd, including meeting room usage. The library tentatively plans to reopen on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

All materials that are currently on loan may be returned anytime without any fines incurred.

There will be a limited number of employees working in the building during the closure to process returns and perform other critical tasks. During the closure patrons can receive reference information and support by accessing digital resources by emailing [director@hccpl.org](mailto:director@hccpl.org).

DeeAnna Sova, Executive Director, shared, “While we hoped to have the library open by March 30<sup>th</sup>, based on Federal, State and Local guidelines for the COVID19 pandemic, we will remain closed. We know more now than ever, the importance of the services that our public library offer and we look forward to being able to provide books, DVD’s, programs and assistance to our patrons when we reopen.”

The Library continues to have many digital services available for free, such as reading apps, Overdrive and Libby, <https://hccpl.org/downloads/ebooks-eaudiobooks/>. These apps are free and can be accessed for free during the COVID19 situation. Databases and reference resources are available through <https://hccpl.org/databases-2/>. These are great on-line options particularly for students. HCCPL will continue to provide free wifi, 24/7, available in the immediate area surrounding the outside of the library.

For additional information, please contact DeeAnna Sova, Executive Director, at [director@hccpl.org](mailto:director@hccpl.org). Updates regarding Library services will be shared on our website <https://hccpl.org/> and on the Library’s social media pages.