

## MEDIA RELEASE

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**Hopkinsville, KY March 16, 2020** - The Hopkinsville-Christian County Public Library (HCCPL) will be closed effective at the close of business on Tuesday, March 17 through Sunday, March 29 in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19. All scheduled programs are cancelled through Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, including meeting room usage. The Library plans to reopen Monday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at their regularly scheduled time, if safe to do so.

All materials that are due back by Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> should be returned by close of business at 6:30 p.m. Materials that are currently checked out, and are not due until after March 17<sup>th</sup>, may be returned at any time at one of the two book drops located at the library. Overdue fines will not accrue for those materials during the closure.

Staff will work in the building during the closure to process returns, answer phone calls, and perform other critical tasks. During the closure, patrons can receive reference service and support by accessing digital resources and/or by calling the library at 270-887-4262, between the hours of 9 am and 4:00 pm Monday – Friday.

The Library has 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 with your library card number. Databases and reference resources are available through <https://hccpl.org/databases-2/>. These are great online options particularly for students. HCCPL will continue to provide free Wi-Fi, 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.