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STRATFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY TEMPORARILY CLOSES AS A COVID-19 PRECAUTION

Following the decision to close public schools for the next three weeks, and in the interest of supporting the ongoing efforts to limit the spread of COVID-19 to our community and beyond, the SPL Board unanimously agreed to suspend Library services as of 6pm on Friday March 13th. March Break is the busiest week of the year for SPL, and over 16,000 visits were anticipated during the upcoming weeks.

The Library will remain closed until further notice.

Key notes for patrons:

- This closure includes all physical services including book lending, programs, and reference services
- The book drop will not be available; SPL requests that all patrons keep the materials they currently have until the Library reopens. There will be no late fees during this period.
- E-services will remain available for use through the Library's website, including:
 - E-books and e-audio books
 - Streaming video
 - Research databases and continuing education platforms such as Lynda.com and Gale Courses

We continue to closely coordinate with the City of Stratford and Huron Perth Public Health. For the most current information on COVID-19 in the area and for what you can do to be proactive, please see: <u>https://www.hpph.ca/en/news/coronavirus-covid19-update.aspx</u>

We will update the SPL website and social media platforms as information is available.



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