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Charleston, WV – Due to concerns over the potential spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Kanawha County Public Library system is closed until further notice, effective Sunday, March 15, 2020. The announcement comes after discussions between Monika Jaensson, KCPL Board of Directors President, and April Wallace, Interim Library Director.

The closure affects all KCPL branches, including:
- Main Branch, downtown Charleston
- Clendenin
- Cross Lanes
- Dunbar
- Elk Valley
- Glasgow
- Marmet
- Riverside
- Sissonville
- St. Albans
- The KCPL Mobile Library
- The Nitro Public Library, an affiliate of KCPL, announced it will close until April 6, 2020

“Along with federal, state, and local agencies, the Kanawha County Public Library has been closely monitoring the evolving situation involving COVID-19,” said Board President Monika Jaensson. “The safety and well-being of our staff and patrons are our primary concern, and we believe that closing the libraries at this time is the best way to meet that goal.”

KCPL online services, including eBooks, Freegal Music, Hoopla, RBDigital, Tumblebooks, and Kanopy, remain available to library patrons by visiting our website at www.kanawhalibrary.org.

For more information and updates on this rapidly changing public health issue, please check the KCPL website and follow us on our social media platforms.

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