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## ALL COBOURG PUBLIC LIBRARY BRANCHES CLOSED EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

During the past 48 hours, Cobourg Public Library staff have been working closely with the Town of Cobourg, in conjunction with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, to determine the best protections to put into place for our community. Based on direction from the CPL Board, all three branches will be closed immediately.

All programs, events, room rentals, as well as home service, and retirement home deliveries are currently suspended during the closure.

The intent is to reopen all branches the week of April 6th, but will continue to monitor the situation and evaluate whether this date will need to be extended.

During this temporary closure:

- Due dates will be extended on items that are currently checked out.
- Materials may be returned at the Cobourg branch drop box.
- Holds will continue to be held until the branches reopen, and there will be no charge for holds that are not picked up.
- All of our online resources will still be available, 24/7 and can be accessed remotely using your library card. Visit [cobourg.library.on.ca](http://cobourg.library.on.ca) to download ebooks, e-audiobooks, and use our online resources.

The health and safety of our staff and community remain paramount, and the decision to close was not made lightly. The CPL Board recognizes that the Library is an important gathering place, resource, and centre of the communities served by the three locations. We look forward to reopening as soon as possible.

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