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ANTIGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

To protect the health of staff, our patrons, and their families, the Antigo Public Library and its’ branches in Elcho and White Lake have cancelled all programs and meeting room events until April 6 with the exception of the library board meeting currently scheduled for March 24 at 5:30pm. We ask that if public plan on attending to please call so we can be sure to adhere to social distancing regulations and provide access and seating accordingly.

In response to the mandated closures, the Antigo Public Library will begin offering limited services starting Monday, March 23, and continuing for the foreseeable future. The library staff hours will be from 9 AM - 6 PM on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday pending staff availability.

Beginning March 23 the library will be offering curbside delivery of items. Please call the library 715-623-3724 to make an appointment.

All overdue fines will be forgiven during this time. Library cards set to expire in this period will have their dates extended. The library exterior book drops will remain open to receive returns. If you don’t have a library card please call.

Also starting March 23, the library's vestibule facing the parking lot will be open on Mondays, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 AM - 1 PM and again from 2 PM to 6 PM.

Services available: Free Book/ Magazine/ puzzle exchange.

The vestibule will be sanitized and restocked twice daily from 1pm to 2pm and again after 6pm.

Remember social distancing and keep six feet between you and others. This means one person in the vestibule at a time. Please do not enter if you are feeling ill.

The library has three little free libraries located at the Castle Rock Park/ Peaceful Valley facing All Saints School, one at Lake Park facing Merit Gear, and one on 5th Ave. and Lincoln St. by Langlade Abstract & Title Co.

**Online resources available with a valid library card and your pin number:**

The Antigo Public Library, through Wisconsin Valley Library Service, offers many items and programs electronically which are available through Gale Courses. These are available for academic and self-improvement classes whether they are employer suggested, or employee driven professional and personal development via e-books, e-audio, and online classes:

[www.antigopl.org/online-resources/](http://www.antigopl.org/online-resources/)

Download books and audiobooks at Wisconsin’s online library at [http://wplc.overdrive.com](http://wplc.overdrive.com/).

Download the Overdrive or Libby app on your device. (Libby is the newest version but is currently not available for the Amazon Kindle.)

Academic research and full-text articles are available through the WVLS Discovery Catalog. Visit [http://catalog.wvls.org](http://catalog.wvls.org/) and click on “Discovery Catalog” in top left bar. Badgerlink also provides multiple reference resources: www.[antigopl.org/online-resources/](https://www.antigopl.org/online-resources/)

We are also have free homeschool resources at www.[antigopl.org/homeschooling/](https://antigopl.org/homeschooling/) for those with children in their care.

While the building will be closed to the public, WiFi is available outside of the library building. WiFi is also available at the Elcho School and White Lake village hall branch library location parking lots. Staff recommends users remain in parked cars.

Links to virtual storytimes for children and adults, concerts, theater, and tours will be linked on the Antigo Public Library’s website and Facebook page.

Updates to services will be posted on the Antigo Public Library’s webpage: antigopl.org and Facebook page: [facebook.com/antigopl/](https://www.facebook.com/antigopl/)

Requests for specific needs and more information can be sent to Antigo Public Library director, Dominic Frandrup at director@antigopl.org, or assistant director Maria Pregler at mpregler@antigopl.org or by phone: 715-623-3724.

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