



Mississippi Valley Library District

408 West Main Street, Collinsville, IL 62234

Collinsville Memorial Library Center
408 West Main Street
Collinsville, IL 62234

Fairmont City Library Center
4444 Collinsville Road
Fairmont City, IL 62201

Historic Blum House
414 West Main Street
Collinsville, IL 62234

December 22, 2020

Friends and Neighbors,

On December 21, the Mississippi Valley Library District (MVL D) received notice that one of our employees tested positive for COVID-19. The employee was last present at the Collinsville Memorial Library Center on Monday, December 14. The employee has not been at the Fairmont City Library Center. Several staff members were identified as being in close contact with the affected individual and needed to quarantine immediately. The impact of the exposure and resulting quarantines is so extensive that the Library is unable to maintain its current level of services. Therefore, the Collinsville Library has discontinued all on-site services through the rest of this week. All fines and fees associated with the Library's closure will be waived.

Tentatively, the Collinsville Library will re-open for curbside services (no computer lab access) on Monday, December 28 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Curbside services will continue to be offered on Tuesday the 29th and Wednesday the 30th from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Whether or not evening hours or computer lab access will be offered on Tuesday and/or Wednesday is yet to be determined. Please verify services and hours with the Library prior to your visit by calling 618-344-1112.

In the meantime, the Fairmont City Library remains open for curbside and computer services. Please call the Fairmont City Library at 618-482-3966 for assistance with your account, computer access, and curbside services. You may also call the Fairmont City Library to request that items currently on hold in Collinsville be transferred to Fairmont City for curbside pickup.

The MVL D continues to offer extensive virtual services through its website, mvlid.org. You can stream videos, check out ebooks and e-audiobooks, search for jobs, and more by visiting the Resources section of our website.

No patrons have been identified as a close contact of the affected employee. Nonetheless, the MVL D strongly encourages all patrons who visited the Library within the past two weeks to monitor their health and act immediately if coronavirus-like symptoms appear.

This is a developing situation. We will keep you informed of forthcoming decisions in as timely a manner as possible.

We again ask for your help in preventing the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Please stay home if you experience any symptoms, no matter how mild, associated with COVID-19. Please continue to wear a face mask correctly and to practice social distancing and good hand hygiene.

Thank you,

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