



Mississippi Valley Library District

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

January 4, 2022

Friends and Neighbors,

The Mississippi Valley Library District (MVL D) is reverting to curbside & computer lab services and to virtual events effective Wednesday, January 5, 2022. This decision is made due to the following converging factors:

- Several MVL D staff have either received a positive COVID-19 diagnosis over the past few days or are monitoring for symptoms after being informed of an exposure. This is impacting our ability to adequately staff our facilities.
- Based on the most recent data reported on the Illinois Department of Public Health website, there have been three consecutive days for which both Region 4 and the specific counties served by MVL D have had 7-day rolling positivity rates at 17% or higher. In November 2020, the MVL D Board of Trustees set 17% as the threshold for reverting to curbside services.

The MVL D will remain at curbside & computer lab services and virtual events until further notice. Library administrators are monitoring data daily and will make the decision to reopen library facilities when the 7-day rolling positivity rate falls below 17% for three consecutive days and when enough staff are healthy and can adequately staff MVL D facilities. Reopening decisions may be made branch-by-branch or for the district as a whole, depending on the data.

While we have been trying to prevent a reversion of services, the MVL D is responsible for keeping its staff and visitors healthy so that we can serve you for years to come. We will continue to work hard to provide you with safe services to the best of our abilities. Now is an excellent time to discover the MVL D's e-resources, such as e-books, e-audiobooks, streaming movies, e-magazines, and more. Learn more by visiting <https://mvl d.org>.

Please do your part to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. Stay home if you experience any symptoms, no matter how mild, associated with COVID-19. Please continue to wear a face mask correctly, particularly indoors when gathering with those not in your household, and to practice social distancing.

Thank you for your ongoing support and cooperation as we all do our part to protect the health and safety of our community.

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