



## Press Release 3/12/2020

The Chillicothe & Ross County Public Library System is closely monitoring information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our patrons and staff is a top priority. Currently all of our nine locations are open and operating under normal schedules. At this time, the library will continue to offer most regularly-scheduled events and programs. However, branches located in schools are subject to school district guidelines. Please call ahead **740-702-4145** to check the status of scheduled library programs. We are following the directions from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Right now, we are taking additional steps beyond regular practices to clean and sanitize all libraries as much as possible. The situation with the Coronavirus is evolving daily. We will keep you informed of any changes to our scheduled events. For the latest information, please check our website at [www.crcpl.org](http://www.crcpl.org).

Everyone has a role to play in reducing the spread of COVID-19 and staying healthy. Please stay home and do not visit the library if you are exhibiting signs of illness. We invite you to explore everything we have to offer on our website, at [www.crcpl.org](http://www.crcpl.org). You can download eBooks and audiobooks, and stream movies and music online. If you have questions, please call the library at **740-702-4145**.

### Trusted Information Sources

Sharing accurate information from trusted sources is critical to reduce misinformation. Find reliable and current information about the outbreak from the local and national agencies below:

**Ohio Department Of Health** maintains a website with up-to-date information on the outbreak, current risk to the public, and links to helpful resources: <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/Novel-Coronavirus>. ODH has also set up a call center to address questions regarding COVID-19. It is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. — 8 p.m. and can be reached at **1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)**.

**Centers for Disease Control** has set up a website with a range of information about the current risk to the public, symptoms to watch for, prevention, testing and advice for schools, communities and businesses. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.