Kitsap Regional Library to close March 18 in response to coronavirus pandemic

Bremerton, Wash. Friday, March 13, 2020—Beginning March 18, all locations of Kitsap Regional Library will be closed to the public to help mitigate the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19).

“This is one of the hardest decisions I have ever had to make,” said Kitsap Regional Library Director Jill Jean. “But, it is imperative that we all do our part to slow the spread of COVID-19.”

This announcement came quickly after the announcement on Thursday to cancel all classes, events and meeting room booking and remove children’s toys from public areas.

“Kitsap Regional Library is taking care to balance this responsibility with the needs of our patrons. While the Library is unfortunately closing for several weeks, we will be open regular hours for the next four days to allow for many of our community members who will be home during this time to enjoy the benefits of the Library,” said Jean.

Until Tuesday, Kitsap Regional Library will be offering limited service. Patrons are invited to visit and pick up holds or browse the shelves. Self-checkout stations will make it easy for patrons to get what they need quickly.

While open, the Library will be following recommended guidelines for social distancing. In order to protect staff and community, visits will be limited to selecting materials for home use. Seating areas will be closed for use along with public computers and other technology.

After March 18, book drops will be closed and patrons are being asked to keep the items they have checked out until the Library reopens. Due dates will be adjusted accordingly.

While the Library is closed, patrons are encouraged to use the Library’s online resources and services. Kitsap residents can sign up for a free digital eCard for access to eBooks, audiobooks, music and eMagazines or explore online education tools like Lynda.com or research databases and more.

Kitsap Regional Library intends to reopen April 20, and will continue to review recommendations of public health officials and adjust services to provide the best possible service to the Kitsap community.

Kitsap Regional Library inspires our community to dream more, learn more, do more and be more. To meet the needs of the over 270,000 people who reside here, Kitsap Regional Library maintains nine locations, outreach services and a virtual library at KRL.org.