

The Town of Ballston Community Library has made the difficult decision to join the Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake Central School District in closing. We will be closed to the public until further notice.

Libraries are a gathering place in the community, frequently bringing together significant numbers of people. In order to minimize opportunities for transmission of COVID-19, and to protect community members and library employees, the Library Board of Trustees felt it was necessary to do its part to safeguard public health.

We understand that not having access to the library and our many resources causes a strain on our community. During the closure, library staff will be available to assist you in as many ways as we can.

- Get questions answered by staff via phone or email Monday through Friday from 10 am to 5 pm. Call us at (518) 399-8174 or email us at web.toblibrary@gmail.com or bur-director@sals.edu.**
- Follow us on Facebook for the latest updates @toblibrary• Access our digital content, 24/7. Contact us if you need any assistance.**
 - o OverDrive offers eBooks & eAudiobooks. Download the free Libby or OverDrive app from your device app store.**
 - o Hoopla is our newest digital streaming service. Borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks, comics, movies, music, and more. Available to Town of Ballston Community Library cardholders.**
- Our Wi-Fi is available 24/7 if you need to use it from your vehicle. While we are closed no overdue fines will accrue. Items are not due until we reopen. Acceptance of donated materials is suspended. The library building will be fully cleaned during this closure. Field Goods deliveries to our location will be suspended.**

Please be advised that you will experience extended wait times for requested library items in the coming weeks.

We will continue to monitor the situation and consult with local and state government and health officials.

We will provide updates on an ongoing basis via the library website <https://toblibrary.sals.edu/>, the Ballston Reader weekly e-newsletters (email web.toblibrary@gmail.com to subscribe), and Facebook @toblibrary.

We are an organization that fosters community and information with our patrons. This mission is never more important than in extraordinary times like now, where changes are happening so rapidly. The library is still here for you during this difficult time, just in a different way. Please stay informed, and use that information to stay safe and to help others do the same, especially those more vulnerable than you. In addition to all the ways cited above for you to continue to connect with the Library, we encourage you to visit federal, state, and local government websites and Facebook pages which are providing up-to-date information targeting their constituents. Together, we weather this storm as a library community, and return to normal as soon as possible.