

LIVINGSTON FREE LIBRARY  
P. O. BOX 105  
LIVINGSTON, NY 12541  
Located on the Old Post Road

April 9, 2020

Dear Patrons:

Livingston Free Library remains closed through April 29<sup>th</sup> in compliance with Governor Cuomo's executive order and your Library Board's decision to stay closed in order to protect patrons and employees. The Mid-Hudson Library System, which manages our inter-library loan program, has stopped deliveries as all 66 libraries are closed until that date. If you have books at home, please keep them in a safe place until they can be returned to the library. All items on hold have been paused in the system until operations resume at some point in the future.

Notwithstanding this pause in the life of our library, Livingston Free Library will join libraries across the country to commemorate National Library Week from April 19 to 25<sup>th</sup>. And this year's theme – "Find Your Place at the Library" – is especially timely.

Despite the proliferation of digital books, podcasts, and streaming entertainment over the past decades, visiting the library remains the most common cultural activity for Americans, according to a January 2020 Gallup Poll. Last year, US adults averaged 10.5 trips to the library, more than they participated in other events such as movie going, sporting events or theatre. Libraries are at the heart of their communities, especially in rural areas such as ours. Your library is a trusted community resource and our free programs and services for adults and children continue to bring people together and offer a place for connection.

During this uncertain and unprecedented period, you may be wondering how you can help your library when we reopen. To that end, you may wish to consider making a tax-free donation to show your support. We thank you in advance and hope before too long we can thank you in person.

Stay healthy and safe and we hope to see you very soon.

Donna Lynk,  
President, Board of Trustees

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P. O. Box 105  
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