

## **COVID-19 and St. Albert Public Library**

The health of our patrons, staff and community is a top priority for St. Albert Public Library. Following the lead of Alberta Health Services and the City of St. Albert, we have taken actions to reduce the risk of community spread of COVID-19.

- Effective March 13 **all Library programs, events, classes and outreach services are cancelled** until March 31. Both Downtown and Jensen Lakes libraries remain open with regular hours.

Alberta Health Services recommended organizers cancel all gatherings of more than 250 people, as well as gatherings of more than 50 people that include seniors and other at-risk populations. We have taken the additional step of cancelling all Library-organized gatherings to encourage social distancing and in consideration of those most vulnerable to COVID-19.

We know the Library is very important to so many in the community, so we have undertaken risk mitigation measures in order to keep both locations open. We are increasing the intensity and frequency of custodial services. We have made more hand sanitization stations and disinfecting wipes available. Staff have access to antibacterial sprays for wipe downs of surfaces.

Everyone can help to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We encourage everyone to wash your hands frequently, cough or sneeze into your elbow, and avoid touching your face. Please make use of disinfecting wipes before and after using public computing stations. We ask anyone not to visit the Library if they have recently traveled to another a country outside of Canada. If you feel ill, please stay home and take care of yourself.

If you are self-isolating at home or unable to come to the Library in person, you can access Library digital resources 24/7. You can browse digital magazines and newspapers, stream music and movies, take an online course, listen to an eAudiobook or read an eBook. All at [sapl.ca](http://sapl.ca)

Thank you for your understanding. We're all in this together. Here for YOU. Here for ALL.

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