Library Statement Concerning COVID-19

The Granville Public Library is closely monitoring information about the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The health and safety of our customers and staff is a top priority. Currently our location is open and operating under normal schedule. At this time, the library will continue to offer all regularly scheduled events and programs.

We're working with local health officials and following directions from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Licking County Department of Health. Right now, we are taking additional steps beyond regular practices and cleaning and sanitizing all libraries as much as possible. We’re also making hand gel sanitizers available for library users.

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 the flu or if you are not feeling well. Please contact us if items that you have checked out will be impacted by your not being able to visit the library. We invite you to explore everything we have to offer on our website, www.GranvilleLibrary.org, via our eMedia link. We have a very large collection of books, audios, movies, magazines, music and instructional videos available 24 hours per day. Please don’t hesitate to call the library at 740-587-0196 if you have questions.

In the event that the library is asked to close as a measure to help stop the spread of COVID-19, we will announce this information via our web site, our Facebook page and via our phone system. Please check these sources to assure we are open before planning a visit to the library.

To stay healthy, the CDC and other health agencies recommend:

1. Washing your hands frequently. Wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
3. Avoid contact with people who are sick.
4. Stay home and away from others if you are sick.
5. Clean and disinfect objects and surfaces frequently.
6. Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
Trusted Information Sources
Sharing accurate information from trusted sources is critical to reduce misinformation. Find reliable and current information about the outbreak from local and national agencies below.

**Ohio Department of Health**
The Ohio Department of Health maintains a website with the 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**
The U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) 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.

The situation with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) 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.GranvilleLibrary.org