




Aloha Library Friends! We still miss you! Unfortunately, we will need to be closed a little longer. **ALL public library branches will continue to be closed until further notice.** [\[Read More\]](#) In the meantime, check out [Kanopy](#) and our **NEW Virtual Library Programs**. 

Aloha Friends,

Gosh, we still miss you! Please know that the Hawaii State Public Library System (HSPLS) is dedicated to supporting the health of our communities as Hawaii continues to work on flattening the COVID-19 curve. With the issuance of Governor David Ige's Sixth Supplementary State Emergency Proclamation on April 25, 2020, HSPLS shares the following updates to our services.

- All public library locations and bookmobile services will be closed until further notice.
- All book drops will continue to be closed until further notice.

### **Library Materials**

We don't want you to worry about fines and due dates during this stressful time while we are closed. Due dates and holds have been automatically extended.

- All items (including DVDs and HotPicks) checked-out starting March 16<sup>th</sup> will have a new due date of **June 15, 2020**.
- No fines will be charged for items due between March 18th and the time we re-open to the public. For holds that you placed that haven't been filled, we are extending your requests to make sure you still get what you want after we reopen.
- For holds that are already at your favorite library, we will continue to extend them, so you can pick them up after we reopen.
- All email notifications are turned off right now. Notifications will resume once we reopen.
- No new holds will be taken until we reopen.

### **Library Cards**

With so many amazing online resources that need a library card, we're doing everything we can to support your access!

- Even if you owe fines/fees over \$10, you will still have access to our digital resources. We want to make sure you can find something great to read!
- If your library card expires between February 26 and when we re-open, we will automatically extend your library card for another 30 days. After we re-open, you can come in to renew your card to ensure you have continued access to our digital resources.
- Don't have a library card? You can now sign up for a [library card online now!](#) Gain access to ebooks, digital newspapers and magazines, streaming movies and more!

### **Introducing New Virtual Programming!**

While our community has been doing a great job of staying at home, our public librarians have been hard at work to develop new virtual resources for our community. We're pleased to introduce everyone to our new [Virtual Library Programs!](#) The Hawaii State Public Library System offers thousands of programs each year at our 51 branches across six islands. Until we can re-open our libraries to greet you again, we've developed some virtual programs to enjoy from your home! Join some of your favorite Children's Librarians as they read their favorite stories or learn something new with HSPLS Creates. More stories and learning opportunities will continue to be added.

**Online Resources**

Our amazing online resources available to access from home 24/7. Our online collection includes:

- [eBooks](#) and [audiobooks](#)
- [Digital subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, New York Times](#)
- [Online classes](#)
- [Online language learning](#)
- [Many online resources for homework, recreation and research](#)

Enjoy our free resources by using your library card!

**I just want to talk with someone:**

If you have questions or would like to talk with someone, we're here to help. Please call: Monday – Friday from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

808-586-3500

1-800-390-3611 (toll-free for neighbor islands)

**Additional Information:**

As always, the Hawaii State Public Library System appreciates the continued cooperation and understanding of the community as we continue to support each other.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back to the Hawaii State Public Library System libraries soon. For health and hygiene tips, and reliable news sources about COVID-19, please visit the [State of Hawaii Department of Health](#) and [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#).

Please stay tuned and keep checking in for more updates!

Be Well!