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Dear Stevens County Library Patron,

As you are probably aware, Governor Inslee has issued a statewide order closing schools, canceling public gatherings, and enforcing social distancing. When schools are closed, our public libraries have always become gathering places for children and their families. As a result, there isn’t a way for us to remain open while ensuring the safety of our staff and members of our communities.

Effective Tuesday, March 17th all eight of our libraries will close to the public. These closures will remain in effect until at least April 24th. All locations with normal Monday hours will be open Monday, March 16, for quick in-and-out library usage.

During the closure of library buildings, we are making the following changes:

All due dates will be automatically extended until April 27. As always, we don’t have any late fees. All bookdrops will be closed. We encourage all of you with materials to keep those materials at your home until the libraries reopen.

We encourage everyone to explore the many online resources and digital materials available on our website, thelosc.org. We have ebooks, audiobooks, online classes for students and adults, homework help, and a lot more.

Plans are being made for library staff to continue to work and be paid during the closure period.

We will explore ways to provide limited services in the near future, and will communicate those options as soon as possible.

Updates about our response to the COVID-19 outbreak and how it affects library services will be shared with the community on a regular basis.

Public libraries have always been about community, and the safety of our communities is paramount. We value your continued support during this challenging time.

Thank you, and be well,

Amanda Six, Library Director

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