From the Director

We’re here for you...

On March 6, I attended my first meeting with public health officials to learn more about the coronavirus (COVID-19) and potential impacts to Campbell County. With the alarm sounded, we immediately began to plan for what we hoped would not occur, but as we watched the tide of positive COVID-19 cases sweep across the United States, we realized it was only a matter of time before we would be joining the rest of the country in closing libraries to the public.

Our first focus was to ensure the safety of staff and patrons. Every safeguard for rigid sanitation and social distancing was implemented. Our second focus was to help our community access library services of all kinds.

- We extended checkout times (all due dates are June 1) and made it easy to get a library card from our website.
- We beefed up our digital collections.
- We rolled out curbside pickup services for patrons to pick up books, audiobooks, DVDs, and even tax forms.
- We created grab bags with a variety of books for children to check out using curbside services.
- We implemented youth literacy programs including virtual storytimes, book talks and puppet shows.
- We added videoconferencing so that librarians could provide one-on-one customer assistance for research, the Census, technical training and more.
- We handled special requests including using our 3D printer to create masks for a health care professional.
- We purchased Brainfuse, a new online tutoring service, to assist parents to help their children with online classes.
- We’re promoting our digital resources to help people be engaged as they practice social distancing.

In my many years in the library field, I’ve realized there is a common, dominant trait among librarians: we want to help people. We want to help patrons access information, promote literacy, find good books or movies, learn new skills, fight poverty, be safe during the COVID-19 crisis, and more. I’m proud of our library employees for their creativity during challenging times and for their passion for public service.

Stay safe out there—and be assured that we’re here for you.

Terri Lesley
Library Executive Director

Census 2020

If you haven’t responded to your census invitation, it’s not too late. And now, more than ever, it’s important to be counted! Responding to the census is your civic duty and it’s important because data are used to:

- Ensure public services and funding for schools, hospitals, and fire departments.
- Plan new homes and businesses and improve neighborhoods.
- Determine how many seats your state is allocated in the House of Representatives.

This year’s census can be completed by phone, mail, and this year, online. Know that if you don’t complete your census, Census Bureau workers will be calling or knocking on your door. It’s that important!

So, find your invitation and call 844.330.2020 or go to: https://2020census.gov/en.html
Your libraries in Gillette and Wright may be closed to the public, but we’re still here for our communities. Check out the services and resources available. You can still enjoy Storytime and Teen Book Talks on our Facebook page and we’re working on offering other virtual programming, too. Stay tuned...

Services

Campbell County Libraries are closed to the public but you can still check out library materials. Sign up for a library card today and check out physical materials or electronic materials. Look on our website under the Services tab and then select Library Card to sign up.

Though your libraries are closed to the public, you can put a hold on physical materials from our website or from the WYLDcat phone app. Then call your library for a next-day pickup time to use Curbside Pickup to check out your hold items. And... the due date for all library materials is now June 1!

Kids, teens, and adults can check out e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, and movies from home with your library card and PIN! Look on our website under the Digital Library tab to get started.

Resources

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TeenBookCloud is an online collection of ebooks, enhanced novels, graphic novels, videos and audio books, which offers students and adults of all reading levels access to an amazing range of content. Look on our website under the Digital Library tab to get started.

HelpNow is a live tutoring database by Brainfuse. Elementary, middle, and high school students as well as college, adult, and English language learners can log in with their library cards! A great homework resource for parents and teens! The easiest way to access this powerful database is from our home page. Scroll down and look for the above picture in the series of banners.

TumbleBooks and TumbleMath feature content most appropriate for kids in grades K-6. Find animated talking picture books, chapter books, videos, nonfiction titles, graphic novels, playlists, and books in French and Spanish. TumbleMath is a collection of math picture books. Access these databases from our home page. Scroll down and look for the above picture in the series of banners.
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Smooth-running technology is more important than ever! Your libraries are here to help. Call CCPL at 307.687.0115 or WBL at 307.464.0500 with your computer, tablet, or phone questions and we will do our best to get you running.

Kids’ Grab Bags are available from CCPL and WBL! Call the Children’s Department at 307.687.9225 or WBL at 307.464.0500 and order a bag of books in a subject area your child loves. The items will be available for next-day Curbside Pickup.

Your libraries have loads of databases to help with your homework: encyclopedias, opposing viewpoints, global issues, government, current events, and more. Look on our website under Resources, Childrens, Homework for resources for all ages.

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Kanopy is a streaming video service for movies and documentaries you can enjoy on your TV, phone, and tablet. The easiest way to access this service is from our home page. Scroll down and look for the above picture in the series of banners.

Creativebug offers so many craft classes—painting, knitting, baking, drawing, sewing, kids crafts, and more. The easiest way to access this fantastic database is from our home page. Scroll down and look for the above picture in the series of banners.
National Library Week 2020 • Virtually...

April’s annual National Library Week celebrations at Campbell County Public Library and Wright Branch Library were quite different than year’s past – as everything is lately. This year’s American Library Association theme of “Find Your Place at the Library” was quickly changed to “Find the Library at Your Place” and libraries across the country, including your Campbell County Libraries, shifted to virtual programs via Facebook.

While we surely missed the delicious cupcakes at our annual Cupcake Wars, cupcake entries submitted for our virtual contest were mouthwatering and creative. Our week-long photo challenge revealed fantastic photographers in our midst and really cute kids and pets.

Thanks for celebrating and finding the library at your place!