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NEWS RELEASE  
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TO ALL LOCAL MEDIA

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ANTIGO PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19- (Ammended)

To protect the health of staff, our patrons, and their families, the Antigo Public Library and its' branches in Elcho and White Lake have cancelled all programs and meeting room events until further notice with the exception of the library board meeting currently scheduled for March 24 at 5:30pm. We ask that if public plan on attending to please call so we can be sure to adhere to social distancing regulations and provide access and seating accordingly.

All overdue fines will be forgiven during this time. Library cards set to expire in this period have had their dates extended. The library exterior book drops will remain open to receive returns for the time being. If you don't have a library card please email either Dominic [director@antigopl.org](mailto:director@antigopl.org) or Maria [mpregler@antigopl.org](mailto:mpregler@antigopl.org) and we can issue you one.

**Online resources available with a valid library card and your pin number:**

The Antigo Public Library, through Wisconsin Valley Library Service, offers many items and programs electronically which are available through Gale Courses. These are available for academic and self-improvement classes whether they are employer suggested, or employee driven professional and personal development via e-books, e-audio, and online classes: [www.antigopl.org/online-resources/](http://www.antigopl.org/online-resources/)

Download books and audiobooks at Wisconsin's online library at <http://wplc.overdrive.com>. Download the Overdrive or Libby app on your device. (Libby is the newest version but is currently not available for the Amazon Kindle.)

Academic research and full-text articles are available through the WVLS Discovery Catalog. Visit <http://catalog.wvls.org> and click on "Discovery Catalog" in top left bar. Badgerlink also provides multiple reference resources: [www.antigopl.org/online-resources/](http://www.antigopl.org/online-resources/)

**Online resources available for free:**

We are also have free homeschool resources at [www.antigopl.org/homeschooling/](http://www.antigopl.org/homeschooling/) for those with children in their care.

We have also launched a new page of free online resources which includes online story hour, animal and nature live streams, streaming music performances, virtual museum tours, virtual

hikes, online book clubs, coloring pages, and adult continuing education / professional development classes. [www.antigopl.org/stuck-at-home/](http://www.antigopl.org/stuck-at-home/)

While the building will be closed to the public, WiFi is available outside of the library building. WiFi is also available at the Elcho School and White Lake village hall branch library location parking lots. Staff recommends users remain in parked cars.

Updates to services will be posted on the Antigo Public Library's webpage: [antigopl.org](http://antigopl.org) and Facebook page: [facebook.com/antigopl/](https://facebook.com/antigopl/)

Requests for other needs and more information can be sent to Antigo Public Library director, Dominic Frandrup at [director@antigopl.org](mailto:director@antigopl.org) or assistant director Maria Pregler at [mpregler@antigopl.org](mailto:mpregler@antigopl.org)

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