A Message from the Library Director regarding Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Due to the growing number of coronavirus (Covid-19) cases in New Jersey and surrounding areas, the Matawan Aberdeen Public Library wants to assure our community that we are taking the necessary steps to respond to this evolving situation. The library’s highest priority is the health, safety, and well-being of our community members and staff.

*At this time, there is no reason for the library to deviate from normal operations; the library will be reviewing public programs, to discuss possible modifications or cancellations to ensure the health and safety of staff and attendees. Any changes to library operations will be posted on our web page and social media channels.*

As we are fully committed to ensuring that our library is safe and welcoming to all, the Library is following these recommendations shared by the CDC:

- Posting signage from the CDC regarding hand-washing and reducing the spread of germs, and making facts about COVID-19 available;
- Ensuring that water and soap are available in restrooms at all times;
- Performing extra sanitizing of all “high touch” surfaces, including computer keyboards and mice;
- Making hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes available to the public;
- Temporary removal of some puzzles and toys from the Children’s Department to reduce unnecessary risk to children;
- Updating our staff and volunteers, and the public, as news develops.

During this time, we encourage patrons to utilize the library’s many digital services. We provide electronic access to a variety of library materials, including:

- eBooks and Audiobooks (Hoopla, Overdive, Freading)
- Magazines (RBDigital)
- Music (Hoopla, Freegal)
- Movies and TV Shows (Hoopla, Acorn TV, Kanopy, Pongalo NovelaClub)

We also provide online access to magazine, newspaper, and journal articles, and services like online courses from Udemy, Mango Languages, and Rosetta Stone. Links to and additional information regarding all of our digital services can be found on the electronic resources page on our website. Resources for children can be found on our student resources page.

Additionally, the Matawan Aberdeen Public Library encourages all staff and patrons to review and follow the guidance and information provided by the New Jersey Department of Health – as outlined on the New Jersey Department of Health COVID-2019 web page. Most importantly, we highly encourage patrons to wash and sanitize their hands, especially when visiting the library. If a staff member or patron is ill, they are asked to stay home.

The Matawan Aberdeen Public Library will continue to monitor this developing situation, and we will continue to post new information on our website and other communications channels as updates occur. We thank you for your cooperation.

Be well! Kimberly Paone, Library Director