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Dear Albany County Public Library Community:

Mr. Rogers famously said:
"When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, ‘Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.'"

As we all look to navigate the uncertainties of COVID-19 and the potential impacts in our community, the Albany County Public Library is here to help. Our top priority is the safety of all members of our community. ACPL is actively coordinating with city and county representatives to identify the best protocols for maintaining everyone’s safety.

Here’s how ACPL is helping to keep our community safe and healthy:

● We have increased our cleaning procedures and are disinfecting frequently touched surfaces consistently throughout the day.
● You’re welcome to wipe down computers or other surfaces when you visit the library. ACPL will have disinfecting wipes available at the front desk. Hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.
● ACPL staff are encouraged to stay home if feeling unwell.

Here’s the library’s plan for programming:

● Children’s programming had already planned a 3-week break. Children’s programming is scheduled to begin again April 4th
● Teen and adult programming will continue as scheduled.
● Programs hosted by other organizations may be cancelled at their discretion.

Here’s how your library is working to make this time easier on you and your family:

● We’re waiving fines on any overdue materials and automatic renewals will continue.
● ACPL has a wealth of online books, magazines, and resources that can be accessed from home. Visit our website to learn more: acplwy.org/books-more/digital-resources. Call or email us for assistance.

Here’s how you can help yourself and others:

● Stay home if you or someone in your household is feeling unwell.
● Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
● Use the CDC and Wyoming Health Department to stay up to date on best practices and updated information regarding COVID-19.

ACPL will continue to monitor the situation. Access our website or follow-us on facebook for the most up to date information on ACPL’s services and hours.

All our best,

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