



Valley City Barnes County Public Library
410 N Central Avenue
Valley City, ND 58072

Attention Valley City/Barnes County Residents:

The board of Directors of the Valley City Barnes County Public Library in consultation with the Library Director Steve Hammel and Assistant Director Melissa Lloyd on the recommendation of the American Library Association is implementing Level III of its Emergency Plan, effective Thursday 3/19/2020.

Level III of the Emergency Plan involves

1. Library is closed to the public and no patrons will be allowed inside building, all doors will remain locked at all times.
2. Items cannot be checked out, but patrons can drop materials in the books drops and staff will empty book boxes as needed.
3. Staff continues to provide phone and online tech support for services available online.
4. All fines and fees will be suspended until library resumes normal operations.

This decision is implemented to support the need for social isolation to prevent further spread of the COVID-19 and ensure the safety of employees and patrons.

The Library will strive to provide what services it can, including wireless internet access (Wi-Fi). Patrons will have access to online resources, including audiobooks, e-books, databases through the State Library such as RB-digital, Mango Languages, Universal Class. These can all be accessed through the library's website <https://vcbclibrary.org/library-resources/electronic-resources/>.

Level III will remain in effect until March 30th at which time, the Library Board President, Library Director, and Assistant Director will reevaluate.

Any questions/comments or additional support please contact the Library through phone 701-845-3821, email support@vcbclibrary.org or text messaging 701-203-5626, and staff will strive to answer inquiries within one business day.

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President of the VCBC Public Library Board