Currently, the Howe and Etna Library remain open for public access with normal hours of operation. In the interest of protecting the high-risk populations we serve, the Libraries will be limiting all meetings and gatherings to under 50. Also, due to low attendance, we will be canceling "some" of our library programs through the month of March beginning Monday March 16th, 2020.

This will include the cancellation of our Annual Fundraising event The Howel Classic. For more information regarding this event, please visit our website or contact Michelle Schembri at howetogive@thehowe.org.

At this time, our libraries will continue to operate with standard hours until further notice.

The Town of Hanover is actively engaged with the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and has recently issued new recommendations to reduce the spread of coronavirus (COVID-19) in the community. These recommendations will impact our events and programs.

**Keeping You Safe is Our Priority**

The following is a list of steps the Library is undertaking to ensure a safe environment:

- Posted signage with recommendations on how to stay healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19 at library locations.
- Elevated cleaning and sanitizing measures in public areas.
- Removed high-touch items from service areas such as plush animals and toys.

**Protect, Prepare and Know the Facts**

As a reminder, the best way to reduce risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands.
- If you have recently returned from a country, state or region with ongoing COVID-19 infections, monitor your health and follow the instructions of public health officials.
- Vulnerable individuals, who are defined as 60+ years or who have health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, and weakened immune systems, are recommended to limit outings, avoid large gatherings, telecommute if possible, stay home if they are sick and avoid people who are sick.

Please refer to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website for frequently asked questions.

**Library Access from Home**

The Library’s robust digital services give card holders 24/7 free access to ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and more. You will need your library card barcode to login.

For questions please call 603-640-3267.

Additional recommended resources regarding the novel coronavirus include:

- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- World Health Organization