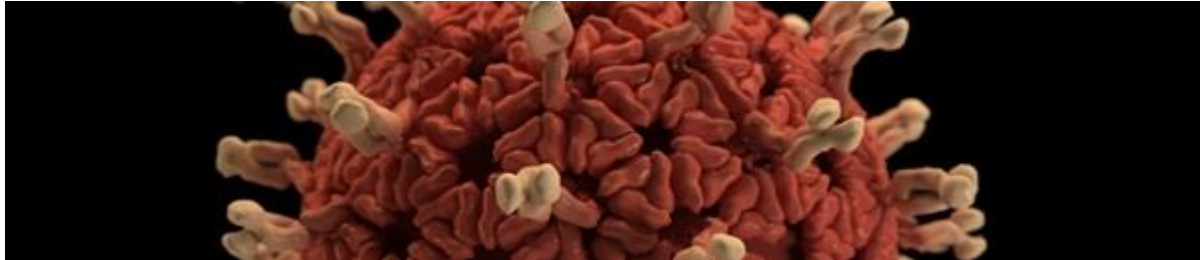


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Health and Program Information From Your Public Library

PUBLIC NOTICE CONCERNING COVID-19 (CORONAVIRUS)

The Florida Health
Department has advised:

Please: Stay home when you are sick
Wash hands often with soap and water for
20 seconds or longer
Cover your mouth with a tissues or sleeve
when coughing or sneezing

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we work to keep our staff and library patrons safe and healthy. Hand sanitizer is available (while it lasts).



Thank you for visiting the Putnam County Library System

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

ALL PUBLIC LIBRARY
PROGRAMS AND
MEETINGS
ARE CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Thank you for understanding. We apologize for any inconvenience and we look forward to seeing you at our programs in the future.



Library News and Updates Concerning COVID-19

For the safety of our patrons and staff: The Florida Health Department has advised that if you are sick or have a sick family member at home please stay home. If necessary, seek medical attention. If you do visit one of our facilities and start to sneeze or cough, we ask that you sneeze/cough into a tissue. And then throw the tissue away. We do have hand sanitizing lotion/stations available at all five branches. For your safety and the safety of others, please wash your hands regularly. **The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious**

illness. For more information, visit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/covid19-toolkit.html>.

You may also want to visit: <http://main.putnam-fl.com/>. Here's Putnam County's recorded information line: 386-326-7132.

The Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 is highly contagious. While every effort is being made to regularly disinfect surfaces and keep our libraries and public computers clean, we can only do so much to prevent the spread of this virus. We need your help, too.

Effective immediately, we are CANCELLING all of our scheduled public programs and meetings until further notice.

At this time, there is no change in library hours. However, library hours and program dates and times are subject to change (especially in an emergency). Please feel free to call ahead to confirm. Here are the phone numbers for our five branches:

Headquarters (Palatka) Library: (386) 329-0126
Bostwick Branch Library: (386) 326-2750
Crescent City Branch Library: (386) 698-2600
Interlachen Branch Library: (386) 684-1600
Melrose Branch Library: (352) 475-1237

You can also call and renew books over the phone.

For more information on how to keep yourself and your family safe from COVID-19, please keep scrolling. Also included in this email is information about the Library's eResources and our upcoming FINE FREE MONTH. These eResources include: eBooks, Audiobooks, and online tutorials. And this is all available online for FREE 24/7 with your library card.

Helpful Information for Parents

How to Talk to Your Kids about COVID-19 (the Novel Coronavirus)

This comic is based on a radio story that NPR education reporter Cory Turner did. He asked some experts what kids might want to know about the new coronavirus discovered in China.

To make this comic, they used his interviews with [Tara Powell](#) at the University of Illinois School of Social Work, [Joy Osofsky](#) at the LSU Health Sciences Center in New Orleans and [Krystal Lewis](#) at the National Institute of Mental Health. For more including the audio from the original interview, visit: <https://n.pr/3a07ATW>

As always, the Putnam County Library System is committed to providing citizens with access to the information and resources they need to make informed health decisions. Please share this email with others if you found it helpful.

Stay safe. Stay calm. Stay informed.

From Your Putnam County Library Staff

It's a word you might have heard
at school or online or on T.V.



This **coronavirus** is a newly
discovered virus. It causes a disease
called COVID-19.

In some parts of the world it has
made lots of people **sick**.

Coronavirus Facts

A lot of the symptoms are similar to the **flu** (which you might have had before!)



Dry, itchy cough



Fever



Kinda hard to breathe

Most people who have gotten sick with this coronavirus have had a **mild** case.

And there aren't a lot of cases in **kids**. If kids do get the virus, it tends to be **very mild**.



People who are **much older** or who already have **health problems** are more likely to get sicker with coronavirus.



WHAT ABOUT DAD AND MOM AND GRANDPA AND GRANDMA AND UNCLE AND AUNTIE!!!

If anyone gets sick and feels like they might have coronavirus, they can **immediately** call their doctors and **get help**.

WELL WHAT'S THE VERDICT DOC?



YOU'RE OK!



If there's anything you might be **confused** or **worried** about, don't be afraid to ask someone you **TRUST**.



UNCLE! I SEE A LOT OF PEOPLE WEARING FACE MASKS DOES THAT MEAN THEY HAVE CORONAVIRUS?



No. MAYBE THEY'RE TRYING NOT TO GET SICK. OR THEY MAY BE SICK WITH SOME OTHER ILLNESS!

BUT MY FRIEND AT SCHOOL TOLD ME—



DON'T LISTEN TO YOUR FRIEND! LISTEN TO ME.

There are some things **you** can **do** to **protect** yourself, family and friends from getting sick.

② SNEEZE INTO YOUR ELBOWS

★ CORONAVIRUS IS BELIEVED TO SPREAD THROUGH **LITTLE DROPLETS** OF FLUID FROM YOUR LUNGS.

★ IF YOU SNEEZE INTO YOUR **ELBOWS**, YOU CAN PREVENT GERMS FROM GOING INTO THE AIR AND ONTO YOUR HANDS.



③ AVOID TOUCHING YOUR FACE

★ DON'T PICK YOUR NOSE, DON'T TOUCH YOUR MOUTH, DON'T RUB YOUR EYES.

★ THESE ARE THE PLACES WHERE GERMS ENTER OUR BODIES.



Just because someone looks different or talks differently doesn't mean that they are at a higher risk of getting the coronavirus or spreading it.

AND DON'T FORGET!

There are a LOT of helpers out there who are working to protect you. It is NOT your job to worry.



But seriously, though...
PLEASE wash your hands!!!

More Information

Stay Safe. Stay Calm. Stay Informed.

For more information about COVID-19, the Novel Coronavirus, please see the information and links below:

Click here for [Information from the CDC](#).

Click here for [Information from the National Library of Medicine](#).

The Florida Health Department has advised that: **The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes are more likely to develop serious illness.** Wash your hands with soap and water. Cover your coughs and sneezes with your arm, not your hands. If you're sick, stay at home and avoid crowds.

Play your part in preventing the spread of [#COVID19](#) by taking preventative measures. Want to know more? Visit <https://t.co/e1S8bGG26U> for FAQs and discover helpful links.

<https://t.co/QX1EQjK47b>

There is also a COVID-19 Call Center available 24/7 at +1 (866) 779-6121.

Or you can email COVID-19@flhealth.gov


Or visit the Putnam County Health Department website at <http://putnam.floridahealth.gov/>

Click here for a handy COVID-19 Toolkit: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/COVID-19/covid19-toolkit.html>


[Click here for Information from the Putnam County School District on the Coronavirus Response](#). And be sure to check their website before sending children back to school after Spring Break at <http://putnamschools.org/>.

If you don't already, like and follow Putnam County Emergency Management on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PutnamCountyEM/>



If you have returned from ANY international travel or a cruise within the last 14 days and you have fever, cough or shortness of breath, call your health care provider or county health department.

Florida HEALTH  **COVID-19 RESPONSE**

Don't forget! The Library has eBooks!



Enjoy eBooks & audiobooks anytime, anywhere.

Enjoy eBooks and Audiobooks on your favorite device!

If you're worried about going out in public right now but still want access to great reading material... You can always check out our online resources! Download popular Audiobooks and eBooks for free with your library card to your PC, Mac, eReaders, smartphones, and tablets. To get started:

- Visit our website: FunInPutnam.com and click on "Online Resources" to find **NEFLIN Overdrive** in the list of resources or...
- Visit: <https://neflin.overdrive.com/>

- You can also download the **OverDrive** or **Libby from OverDrive** apps on your smart device. Just visit the app store!

To Log In: Find "Putnam County Library System" under "Find Your Library" and enter your library card number (this can be found under the barcode on the back of your card).

Pro Tip: If you're listening to audiobooks on your smart phone, I recommend downloading Libby from OverDrive as opposed to the classic OverDrive app. It's all the same platform but Libby just works better on smartphones - especially for audiobooks.

We also have **Biblioboard Library** where you can discover local content from self-published Florida authors. All content in Biblioboard Library is available with unlimited access. Never experience a hold, late fee, checkout limit, or lending limit. Just visit <https://library.biblioboard.com/home> or download the Biblioboard Library app on your smart device. No need to log in with your library card if you're in Putnam County and have geo-location enabled on your device. Plus, with **Pressbooks** and the **Indie Author Project**, it's easier than ever for local authors to make their independently- or self-published books available to their community through their local libraries. And it's all free!

If you'd like more information about how you can get started as a self-published author on the platform, visit our website at FunInPutnam.com and click on the "Local Authors" tab at the top.

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Looking for something to do?

The image is a promotional banner for Creativebug. On the left, there is a red box with the Creativebug logo in white, which includes the tagline "You're more creative than you think." Below the logo, text reads: "Creativebug.com has more than 1,000 award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Get access now for FREE with your library card!". To the right of the text is a collage of images: a colorful abstract painting, several white lace-like circular crafts, a woman with long brown hair smiling in a workshop setting, and a close-up of a hand painting a blue and pink design on a white surface. At the bottom of the banner is a blue bar with the text: "Creativebug is the number one inspirational resource for DIY, crafters and makers."

Try CreativeBug for FREE with your library card!

Creativebug is the number one inspirational resource for DIY, crafters and makers. Creativebug.com has more than 1,000 award-winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists. Powered by Joann Fabrics, these online classes include everything from basic sewing and crochet, hand-lettering and cursive, drawing and painting... to cake decorating and paper crafts. There are classes for beginners and kids, too! To get started:

- Visit our website: FunInPutnam.com and click on "Online Resources" or
- Visit: <https://www.creativebug.com/lib/putnam>

To Log In: Just enter your library card number (this can be found under the barcode on the back of your card).

Visit us on the web!



For more information, visit our website: FunInPutnam.com! Did you know? You can also search our catalog or download e-books and audiobooks (just look under "Online Resources" for NEFLIN Overdrive). Looking for something to do on Spring Break or while at home? We even have FREE arts and crafts "how-to" videos through Creativebug.

For more information about e-books or other online resources, email jeremy.yates@putnam-fl.com.

One last thing...

APRIL IS...

FINE FREE

all month long!

WE WILL WAIVE YOUR LATE FINES*

To celebrate National Library Week (April 20-25):
When you return your overdue materials to any branch of the Putnam County Library System during the month of April, we will waive your late fines!

*Please note: Fine amnesty does not cover lost or damaged materials. Nor can we waive fines for materials returned prior to or after FINE FREE MONTH in April. Our next FINE FREE MONTH will be in September (during Library Card Sign-Up Month).

For more information, visit the checkout desk.

Don't Worry About Those Overdue Fines!

You can always renew your books and other library materials over the phone if you can't make it into the library. But if you've run out of renewals and can't come in... don't fret! April is FINE FREE MONTH at your library. Just be sure to return those overdue materials to your favorite branch of the Putnam County Library System before the end of April and we'll waive your fines! Please note: this fine amnesty does not cover lost or damaged materials and we cannot waive fines for materials returned prior to FINE FREE MONTH in April or after.

Thank you for supporting your public libraries!

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