



March 2020 Update

In support of our community's health and health workers, the Bracebridge Public Library will be closed to the public until further notice.

- Library staff will be available by phone (705-645-4171) and [email](#), Monday - Friday from 9 AM - 5 PM.
- Library materials currently out will not accrue fines. The drop box will remain open, however, we would like to encourage everyone to hold on to their library materials until we are open again. If you would like to renew your item, you can log in to your account online or contact the Library.
- Library holds, including interlibrary loans will be temporarily suspended.
- Library online resources are available on our [website](#) including e-books, e-magazines, databases, etc.
- Library staff are currently working towards creating digital content and alternatives in lieu of tech workshops, story times, and regular programs.
- Updates will be posted on our website and social media.

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Finding Health Information

There is a lot of information circulating about the Coronavirus. You can find information in the newspaper, on

the TV and radio, on websites, and on social media. It is easy to be overwhelmed by the information, and it is easy to find information that is not true, or is misleading.



The best place to find information on COVID-19 is from recognized health organizations like:

- [Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit](#)
- [Public Health Ontario](#)
- [Health Canada](#)
- [World Health Organization](#)

These organizations give information on what supplies you may (or may not) need; the status of the virus; which symptoms to look out for; and best practices to keep you, your family, and your community as healthy as possible. Getting information from organizations like these also means you will be given the most up-to-date information on the virus outbreak.



If you are looking at other sources of information, especially on social media, here are some things to consider:

- What is the **source** of the information?
 - Is the person or website trustworthy? Do they give their name? Do they have credentials that make them an expert on this subject? Is the website being humorous or satirical?
- What is the **date** of the information?
 - If it is an article, is there a publication date? Is this a recent date, or are you looking at old information?
- Is this information true?
 - Websites like [Snopes](#) frequently fact-check stories. They are a great resource when you think something could be untrue.



Children's Services Update & Activities



Service updates:

Library programs are temporarily suspended.

Circulation and reference staff are available Monday - Friday, 9 - 5 for questions about our online resources, and general information.

[BPL's online resources:](#)



TumbleBooks:

TumbleBooks is a great resource for your young reader. They offer books for different levels, have animated books, and even read-along books! Visit our website to find the link to access TumbleBooks or download the app on your mobile device.

Sesame Street eBooks:

Your favourite Sesame Street books are available for free with your Library Card! Just visit our website and look under "Library 24/7" for access to this collection anytime, and anywhere you have an internet connection.

Overdrive and Libby:

Did you know that you can get children's e-books through Overdrive? Visit their website on your computer or download the Libby app.

Explora Primary:

Looking to dive deep into a favourite subject? Try Explora Primary! Explora Primary is a great database for school-aged children to find information on their favourite animals, to learn more about math, or explore history.

Other online resources:

Many organizations and businesses are offering special services during this time. Here are two helpful links to keep kids busy. Check our website and Facebook page for more!



Scholastic Learn-at-Home:

Scholastic is offering daily projects and activities based on age. Each day children can learn something new with a story, article, video, and/or activity!

Author Read-Alouds:

This list pulls from a variety of well known YouTube channels to give a list of children's authors reading their books. Authors include Oliver Jeffers, Eric Carle, Jeff Kinney, and Neil Gaiman.

Adult Service Update

Service Update:

Library programs and 1-on-1 Tech Training have been suspended while the Library is closed.

Library staff are available for questions regarding online services, and for general information by phone and email.



At this time, we encourage people to make use of the great free online resources the Library has including eBooks, eMagazines, and online databases available on our [website](#).

To have compassion for those who suffer is a human quality which everyone should possess, especially those who have required comfort themselves in the past and have managed to find it in others.

– Giovanni Boccaccio, The Decameron

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