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Cook Memorial Library to Take Two Week Pause

(LA GRANDE, OREGON, NOVEMBER 9, 2020) With the news out of the Governor's Office today that Union County and 8 other Oregon Counties have been placed on a "Two Week Pause" with the goal of slowing the spread of coronavirus in our communities, Cook Memorial Library has made the painful, but responsible, decision to temporarily close the building from Thursday, November 12 through Sunday, November 29. The Library will continue to provide service to patrons through its Library Take-Out service.

"We all must do our part to stop this virus from spreading further in our community. By not encouraging patrons to come inside the library and by limiting library staff and patron interactions, we can reduce the chances of anyone contracting the virus and hopefully prevent a longer closure or even tighter restrictions," said library director Kip Roberson.

The Library will be closed Wednesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day and will begin Library Take-Out service on Thursday, November 12. The Take-Out service will function exactly as it did earlier this year. You can place items on hold in the online catalog or call the Library at 541.962.1339 and tell us what you want to borrow. Once the Library confirms your order is ready for pick-up, you can come to the Library Monday-Friday between 10:00am-Noon or 4:00-6:00pm, ring the doorbell, and we'll bring your items out to you.

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“We’re taking this precaution because we believe it’s the right thing to do,” said Roberson. “We truly care about the health and wellbeing of every one of our patrons and we don’t want to endanger the health of our patrons or our staff. We want everyone to be able to celebrate a happy and healthy Thanksgiving this year.”

The Library anticipates a resumption of in-building services on Monday, November 30.

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