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TO: Nyack Library Community Members
FROM: Angela Z. Strong, Library Director
SUBJECT: Library Program Suspensions due to Health Concerns

Based on the advice and guidance of Dr. Tony Matejicka, Chief Medical Officer at Montefiore Nyack Hospital, the Nyack Library is suspending all public programs, including space/room reservations for community organizations. Dr. Matejicka suggested that it will be better for community health if we do not encourage people to gather in large groups by offering public programs no matter the expected size of the gathering. Given the hourly developments with the Coronavirus/COVID-19 epidemic, we think it is in the best interest of our patrons and staff to reduce the opportunity to exposure and spread of the disease. We have not learned of any cases of the disease linked to the Library, and we would like to keep it that way. To do so, we will need your cooperation, patience and assistance.

We will do our best to re-schedule programs or room reservations at a future date to be determined. For now, we do not anticipate offering any programs or public space rentals at least through the end of March. We will inform patrons with program reservations of the decision to suspend programs, and we will retain their information to notify them when the programs have been re-scheduled. The length of the suspension of programs and space rentals may be changed based on community health conditions and the advice of our health care professionals.

The Library remains open for individual use and material circulation. We may need to alter those services in response to changing health conditions in the community.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call me at 845-358-3370 or email astrong@nyacklibrary.org.