

# For the Public

## Library of Congress Announces Limited Access to Facilities Until April 1, Events Canceled Until May 11

Out of an abundance of caution, **all Library of Congress buildings and facilities will be closed to the public**, including researchers and others with reader identification cards, starting at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 12, **until Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 8 a.m.** to reduce the risk of transmitting COVID-19 coronavirus. Library employees, contractors, invited and escorted visitors, and other credentialed Capitol Hill staff will continue to have access to the buildings.

Furthermore, **all Library-sponsored public programs and public tours are postponed or canceled until May 11**. Whenever possible, the Library will reschedule the public programs originally scheduled during the closure period.

Because the health and safety of Library employees and visitors is our first priority, the Library is carefully and continuously monitoring information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, local area health departments, and our Federal partners so the Library can respond rapidly as conditions change regarding COVID-19 coronavirus. The Library has increased cleaning of restrooms, public spaces and elevator lobbies, and has installed additional hand sanitizer stations.

The public can still access many Library resources through [loc.gov](https://www.loc.gov), [Ask a Librarian](#) and [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov). If you are a user of U.S. Copyright Office services, submit your applications online, browse FAQs and submit emails with questions through [copyright.gov](https://copyright.gov). You may also reach the Copyright Office by phone at (202) 707-3000.

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