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Wake County Public Libraries, Park Centers to Close Monday

*Park grounds will remain open*

Wake County Public Libraries and facilities at county parks will close tomorrow, Monday, March 16, in the interest of the safety of our visitors and staff. They will remain closed through March 27 when county staff will reassess the situation.

“The health and safety of our library and park staff and the people who visit our locations remain our No. 1 priority,” said Frank Cope, director of Community Services for Wake County. “We will continue to monitor conditions and will resume regular services and programs when it is deemed appropriate by public health officials.”

The closure only affects offices and centers at Wake County Parks, Recreation and Open Space locations. Park and preserve grounds will remain open, but visitors are asked to practice social distancing. View a list of county parks [here](https://www.wakegov.com/parks), and use our Park Locator to find the right one for you.

WCPL’s book reserve system and interlibrary loan services will be suspended while the library is closed. WCPL will continue to provide access to [ebooks](https://www.wakegov.com/ebooks), electronic resources and our online storytelling series “Click, Watch, Learn, Storytime at the Library,” which is available [here](https://www.wakegov.com/storytime). In this time of uncertainty, we encourage
you to enjoy the books you have throughout this period and remember Wake County Public Libraries is #LateFeeFree.

**Staying Updated**

Wake County has made it easy for you to stay updated on the latest information about COVID-19.

You can visit our [COVID-19 webpage](https://www.wake.gov/coronavirus), which has a set of frequently asked questions to educate residents, as well as an email address and phone number that people can use to ask personal health-related questions about COVID-19. The county is also sharing important information on its [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/wakegov), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/wakegov) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/wakegov) accounts.

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