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Dear CLD&J Community Members,

The COVID-19 outbreak is of great concern to all of us at the Library. We are committed to protecting the health and safety of patrons and Library staff. The situation is rapidly evolving, and we will continue to monitor the situation and take additional action, as necessary. For now, we are taking these preliminary steps and asking for your support:

- Our cleaning staff has been instructed to use EPA COVID-19 recommended disinfectants on door handles, stair railings, elevator buttons, counters, computer keyboards and bathrooms.
- All items being returned to the Library should be placed in the outdoor book drop or inside book return rather than at the front desk. Library staff will clean all returned items before replacing them on the shelves.
- Use our self-check units to the right of the front desk to minimize person-to-person contact.
- When checking our items at the desk, please hold up your library card and item bar codes to be scanned, whenever possible.
- Toys, games and other difficult-to-disinfect items in the Children’s Room and elsewhere have been temporarily removed.

We encourage all of our visitors to follow these guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health:

- If you or your child is sick, please stay home.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Discard used tissues and paper towels in waste bins.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.

Don’t forget to take advantage of our digital services and collections:

- The CLD&J has an extensive collection of online resources, including ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music and more.
- See our handout detailing what you can access online remotely!
Check our website @ https://clidandj.org/ frequently for updates.

For more information, see these authoritative sources:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)  

World Health Organization Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)  
https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019

New York State Department of Health – Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  

Onondaga County Department of Health – Coronavirus Disease 2019  
http://www.ongov.net/health/coronavirus.html

NYS HOTLINE for questions regarding COVID-19: 1-888-364-3065