



**DOWNERS GROVE
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Due to public safety concerns, the Downers Grove Public Library will close at 1:00 pm today, June 2. There will be no evening curbside service today.

Over the past week, the abhorrent actions of a few police officers in Minnesota that caused the inexcusable death of George Floyd have sparked peaceful exercising of First Amendment rights about his death and the systemic racism present throughout our country. Unfortunately, it also sparked opportunistic acts such as looting and vandalism. The Downers Grove Public Library condemns and denounces the actions of the officer now charged with the murder of George Floyd. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and community for their loss. We are saddened to see peaceful protests overshadowed by criminal acts in Downers Grove, Chicago, and throughout the country.

As a public library, our purpose is to provide a place where all are welcome and treated with dignity and respect. We stand against the systemic racism present throughout our country and value equal access, responsibility, and freedom to seek, receive, and share information. We reject discrimination in all its forms. We support the Black Caucus of the American Library Association's [Statement Condemning Increased Violence and Racism Towards Black Americans and People of Color](#) and uphold the civil rights and First Amendment freedoms of all people. We support our community in the peaceful expression of their First Amendment rights.

We anticipate reopening for curbside service tomorrow, June 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and be well.

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