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What: Statement Concerning Moline Public Library Operations

Where: Moline Public Library, 3210 41st Street, Moline

When: during the COVID-19 closure

Temporary Layoffs to Begin Wednesday, April 22

In compliance with Illinois Governor Pritzker's Stay At Home Order, the Moline Public Library has been temporarily closed to the public since March 17.

The Moline Public Library board is working with City of Moline officials to determine fiscal sustainability for library operations both during the current COVID-19 crisis and to create an operating model to implement post COVID-19. In light of the fact the Library will continue to be closed short-term, coupled with the need to absorb budget shortfalls due to COVID-19, Moline Public Library staff will be laid off beginning Wednesday, April 22. It is hoped this will be a short-term layoff and the Library will reopen as soon as it is deemed safe to offer physical library services.

"We deeply regret the loss of community services this temporary closure brings as well as any hardship this brings to our dedicated and talented staff", said Moline Public Library Board of Trustees President Susan Blackall. "The Board will meet as necessary with a goal to reopen to the public as soon as possible."

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The Moline Public Library is a public library serving the residents of Moline and surrounding areas. Its mission is to inspire lifelong learning, create community and transform lives with quality programs and services.