

Inclement Weather Policy

In order to fulfill its mission of public service the Robert R. Jones Public Library ("Library") will make every reasonable effort to open to the public as scheduled, consistent with safe access for the public and staff.

Inclement weather can cause transportation problems and locally hazardous conditions with possible power outages. The Library will close, delay opening, or close ahead of schedule when the weather becomes hazardous to the health and/or safety of the public and/or library staff. Emergency/inclement weather closings will be authorized by the Director and/or the Board of Library Trustees.

The decision to close, postpone opening, or close early due to inclement weather will be made by the Director in conjunction with the Library Trustee Chairperson and actual observed local weather conditions. National or Illinois weather service advisories concerning travel during storm conditions will always be followed.

If the Moline/Coal Valley Public School District chooses to close for a day, the Robert R. Jones Public Library will also be closed. If there is a delay in opening for the Moline/Coal Valley Public School District, the Library will also observe a delay in opening. If severe weather and/or emergency conditions arise during the day and the Library is to close early, library patrons already in the building will be notified immediately.

The public will be notified of closing or changes in hours of operation through the Library's website and the Library's Facebook page.

When the Library is closed, patrons can manage their accounts online, access library databases/streaming media, and use the Libby and Axis 360 mobile apps to check out e-materials.