

All Darien Library Events Canceled in Anti-Coronavirus Measure,

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Darien Library is canceling all programs effective immediately as part of efforts to stem the spread of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, Library Director Alan Kirk Gray announced in a 12:04 p.m. email.

The library's Novel Tea fundraiser, a major way the library raises money, is included in the canceled events, Gray wrote.

The library is suspending late fees, setting up a program of delivering books, videos, magazines and audiobooks to home-bound residents and will sponsor a discussion on video between Darien Health Director David Knauf and a Stamford Hospital official about the COVID-19 outbreak.

Here's the full text of Gray's announcement:

Yesterday, Governor Lamont called for large events to be cancelled to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in Connecticut. After consulting with First Selectman Jayme Stevenson, the Darien Health Department, and our Board, we have decided to **cancel all programs effective immediately**.

This includes postponing the Novel Tea fundraiser. We will share updates for those attendees in the near future.

Discussion on the Outbreak

On Friday, we will film a discussion of the coronavirus outbreak between Dr. Asha K. Shah, the associate director of infectious diseases at Stamford Health [Stamford Hospital], and David Knauf, the Darien director of health. We will post the video on our website at darienlibrary.org/coronavirus.

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If you would like to receive a reminder on Friday with a link to the recording, [sign up here](#).

You may submit your questions [using this form](#).

Late Fines Suspended

Starting today and continuing until further notice, all late fines will be suspended.

Home-Bound Delivery

Staff will deliver books, movies, magazines, and audiobooks for home-bound Darien residents who cannot visit the Library in person. Volunteers will deliver borrowed items to your home and will also return them to the Library.

To request a delivery, call Pat at [203-669-5248](tel:203-669-5248).

Best,

Alan Kirk Gray
Darien Library Director