



ECKHART PUBLIC
LIBRARY

Emergency Closing Policy

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During inclement weather or other emergency situations the Library makes a concerted effort to provide service to the public. When extreme weather conditions or other emergencies require a general closing of Eckhart Public Library, the Executive Director or Director's designee, in consultation with the president of the Board of Trustees, will close the Library at any time in the interest of safety for or service to patrons or staff. The decision to close due to extreme weather conditions will be made in consideration of general conditions of area roads, as defined by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security County Travel Status; condition of the Library's parking lot, sidewalks, and facilities; the availability and safety of staff; National Weather Service advisories, watches, and warnings; and requests for closure by local, county, or state law enforcement agencies.

If the County Travel Status in DeKalb County is a "Warning," the Library will close. The Library may also close in other severe weather conditions, including snow, ice, extreme cold, or other dangerous conditions.

In the event that severe weather does result in a decision to close the Library, every attempt will be made to notify the news media as early as possible. Library closings will be submitted to local news media outlets (KPC Media and Fort Wayne's ABC, CBS, Fox, NBC, and Affiliates) and will be posted on the Library's website and social media platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.