

# Weather, Emergency, Non-emergency Closing

## Purpose

The Morgan County Library maintains a regular schedule of hours open to the public. However, it may become necessary to close the library, reduce operating hours, or cancel programs when certain conditions pose a safety hazard to the public and staff or prevent basic library functions.

## Policy

### Emergency Closings

#### Fire, Bomb Threat

Librarians implement an emergency plan by directing patrons to evacuate the library via the nearest exits.

### Non-Emergency Closings

#### Power Outage (lightning or utility pole damage)

Director clears the building of general public, stating that the library will be closing until electricity is restored.

### Snow Closings

All closures will be at the Director's discretion.

Midday closings will be determined by travel advisories issued by the Missouri Highway Patrol and Morgan County 911.

Closures will be announced in as many ways as possible given the circumstances of the emergency and may include: a notice posted on the library's front door the library Facebook page, and the KS-95 Radio station

If the library is closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies, all programs scheduled in the community room will be canceled.

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