

Inclement Weather and Emergency Closing Policy

It is the goal of the Canton Public Library (hereinafter: Library) to provide as many hours of public service as possible and to create an environment that protects the safety and welfare of Library patrons and staff while maintaining the safety and condition of Library property. Occasionally, the Library Director or designee will make the decision to close Library facilities because of inclement weather, building malfunction, or other unusual circumstances. The Director will seek approval from the President of the Library Board of Trustees.

Library closings will be announced using local media outlets, the Library's website, and/or social media accounts.

The Library will maintain a functioning weather radio, and staff will keep Library patrons in the building informed of weather conditions.

In the event of a tornado warning or other emergency, staff will direct patrons to safe spaces within the Library. Until the warning is lifted and conditions are safe, patrons under the age of 16 will remain in the Library unless a parent or guardian arrives to pick them up.