



# *Durham Public Library*

## Emergency Opening Policy

During a severe weather event, or some other type of local or regional disaster or outage in which power is lost to segments of the community or residents need to leave their homes, the Director or Assistant Director may choose to keep the Library open. The decision will be based on the perceived need, present and predicted weather conditions, safety considerations for public and staff, recommendations from the police and fire departments, and the availability of staff to come to work.

The Library will not serve as a shelter, but will instead provide space, materials, and service as it would during regular hours of operation. The library will remain open at the discretion of the Director or Assistant Director but not overnight. Food will not be provided beyond what residents might bring with them and no sleeping accommodations will be available.

Adopted by the Library Board of Trustees  
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