



LIBRARY CLOSING POLICY (INCLEMENT WEATHER & OTHER CONDITIONS)

Effective Date: March 11, 2014

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1. In order to fulfill its mission of public service, the Thomas St. Angelo Public Library of Cumberland (Library) will make every reasonable effort to be open to the public as scheduled and consistent with safe access for the public and staff.
2. The Library will close, delay opening, or close ahead of schedule when the weather becomes hazardous to the health and/or safety of the public and/or Library Staff or an emergency situation arises. Emergency/inclement weather closings will be authorized by the Director, acting Director, Cumberland Mayor, Cumberland Police Chief, Barron County Sheriff and/or the Board of Library Trustees.
3. The decision to close, postpone opening, or close early due to inclement weather will be made based on actual observed local weather conditions. National weather service advisories concerning travel during storm conditions will always be followed.
4. If the Cumberland School District chooses to close for a day due to inclement weather, the Library will also be closed. If there is a delay in opening for the Cumberland School District, the Library will also observe a delay in opening.
5. In the event of the Library closure, an attempt will be made to contact any unattended child's parent or guardian by phone for immediate pickup. If the attempt to contact a child's parent or guardian is unsuccessful within 30 minutes, the police will be notified to ensure the child's safety.
6. If severe weather and/or emergency conditions arise during the day and the Library is to close early, library patrons already in the building will be notified immediately.
7. The public will be notified of closing or changes in hours of operation through a variety of means:
 - a. Facebook
 - b. Local radio announcements
 - c. School Announcements
 - d. Signs posted on library doors