

Inclement Weather Policy

The Bloomfield-Eastern Greene County Public Library may, at times, need to close or operate on reduced hours due to inclement weather for the safety of staff and patrons served. Inclement weather, for purposes of this policy, is defined as snow and/or ice. Where possible, the Library will strive to remain open to meet the many needs of the service community. The below guidelines will be relied upon in making a decision on whether to close or operate on a reduced schedule:

The Library may close, or operate on reduced hours, the first day in which Bloomfield schools close due to inclement weather. If Bloomfield schools are open, the Library will have normal hours. The Eastern Branch Library will follow the Eastern Greene school system. The Library Director will make a decision on whether to open regular hours, reduced hours, or close completely based on the following factors:

- County travel status located at: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory/>
- Timing of inclement weather (i.e. if conditions are expected to worsen throughout the day or clear up)
- Temperature (i.e. the temperature will warm up and melt off a lot of snow/ice or stay below freezing and likely not improve)
- Ability of scheduled staff to safely make it into work or get home

If school is not in session (breaks/weekends), or the school closes for multiple days, the Library Director will continue to rely on the above factors when making a decision on whether to open or close the Library.

Notification of Closures

The Library will notify patrons of closures or reduced hours via the following communication channels:

- Area news outlets (*Greene County Daily World, NewsBarb, Herald Times, WFIU/WTIU, WTWO-TV, WTHI-TV, and WWBL-FM*)
- The Library's Facebook page
- Signs posted on all Library entrances (when possible)