Our minimal Staff has been keeping the back office running, updating our online records, ordering titles for our collections and planning future programs.

We had our end of March partial installation of the furnishings. Unfortunately when the lockdowns were announced, our shelving manufacturer was tasked with making hospital beds for the field hospitals across the country. We are constantly checking when we will be able to get the metal shelving order completed and shipped from the midwest. With essential business and social distancing restrictions, this process has been impacted.

Once our shelving is delivered, it needs to be assembled by the installation crew. Then our library contents logistics company’s team will carry, sort and re-shelve all 35,000 items. This is approximately a 2-3 week process. Unfortunately, with essential business and social distancing restrictions, this process will be impacted.

Our new phone, internet and security systems have not yet been installed. Unfortunately, with essential business and social distancing restrictions has impacted this process.

After that the BCCLS Tech team will come in and replace most of our patron and staff BCCLS computers. This includes installing, trouble-shooting and getting our systems back online. Unfortunately, with essential business and social distancing restrictions, this process will be impacted.

We will then be retraining our staff regarding the placement of our collections as well as all the new systems throughout the library. Unfortunately, with essential business and social distancing restrictions, this process will be impacted.

We are working closely with BCCLS to guide all of the Bergen County Libraries on what our new safe practices will be.

We have so many questions with no answers at the moment, we are just accepting that these are fluid times.

We have updates on our website of links and resources. We are wishing good health and safety to all of our Norwood residents and patrons. We will continue to update everyone as we get more information.

Thank you,
The Norwood Public Library Board of Trustees and Staff