Curating Data for COVID-19 Programs and Policies in Washington State Libraries

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Capstone Presentation

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Data

	LibrarySystem	FacilityClosed	FacilityReopened	Curbside	DeviceOnPrem	Printing
2	Anacortes Public Library	3/17/2020 closed until further notice		TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
3	Asotin County Library	2020-03-16 0:00:00	Yes (n.d.)	TRUE	TRUE	
4	Bellingham Public Library	3/16/2020 closed until further notice		TRUE		
5	Burlington Public Library	3/17/2020 closed until further notice		TRUE		TRUE
6	Camas Public Library	3/16/2020 closed until further notice	2021-03-15 0:00:00	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
54	Upper Skagit Library District	3/14/2020 closed until further notice		TRUE		TRUE
55	Waitsburg (Weller) Public Library	3/24/2020 closure of City Hall to the public begins	Yes (n.d.)	TRUE		
56	Walla Walla County Rural Library District	3/16/2020 closed		TRUE		TRUE
57	Walla Walla Public Library	3/16/2020 closed until futher notice		TRUE		TRUE
58	Whatcom County Library System	2020-03-16 0:00:00	2021-03-01 0:00:00	TRUE	TRUE	TRUE
59	Whitman County Library	N/A	Yes (n.d.)	TRUE	TRUE	
60	Wilbur (Hesseltine) Public Library	2020-03-16 0:00:00	Yes (n.d.)		TRUE	
61	Yakima Valley Libraries	3/17/2020 closed until reopening at some branches 11/16/2020	2021-03-01 0:00:00	TRUE	TRUE	

60 libraries

Added city, rural, island, regional

More information needed

Should be ISO 8601: YYYY-MM-DD

"FALSE"

Case Studies

Orcas Island Library
- ★ Janet Marlow, Interim Director
- ★ Community relationships
- ★ Older demographic + volunteers
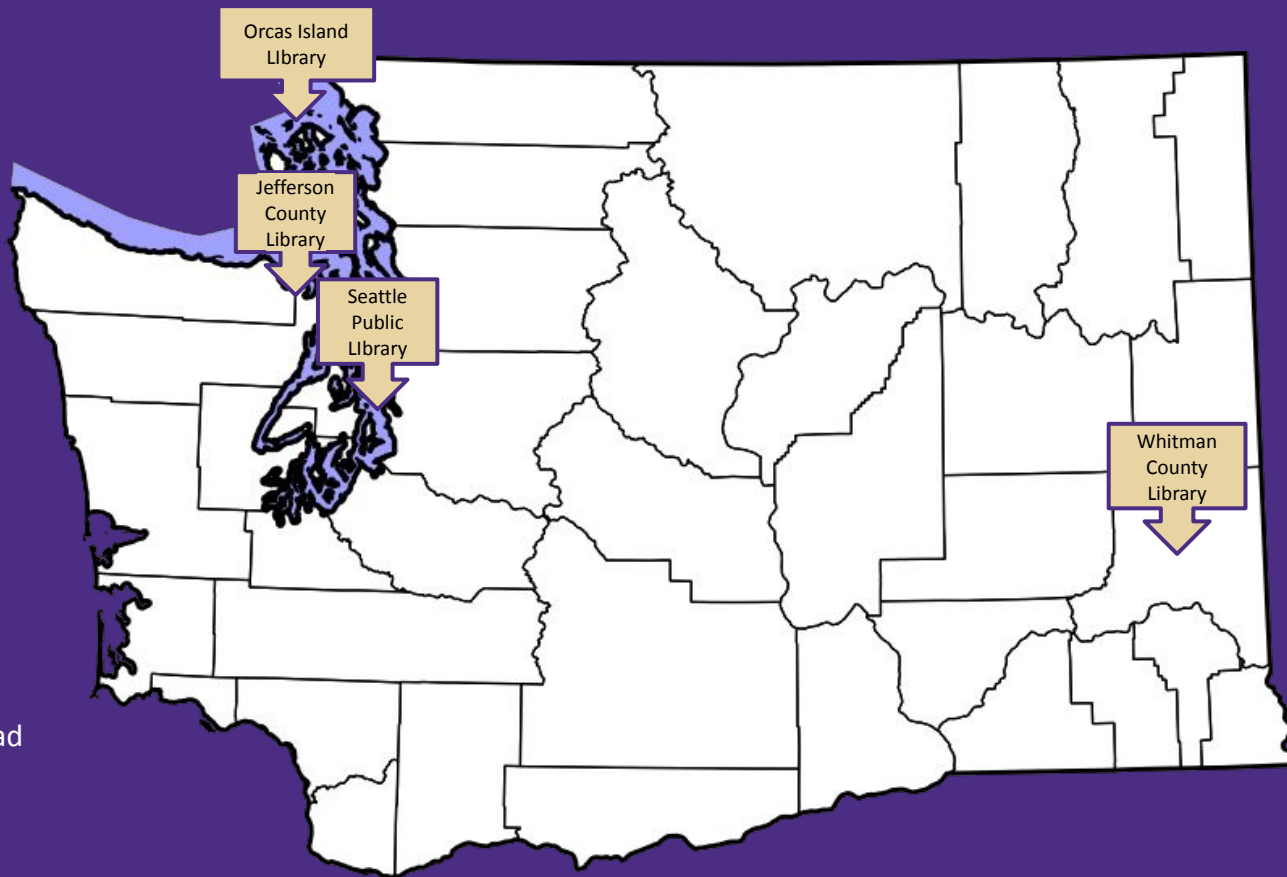- ★ Wi-Fi Hotspots (CARES Act)

Whitman County Library
- ★ Sheri Miller, Interim Director
- ★ State mandates for a rural community
- ★ Families embracing the library

Jefferson County Library
- ★ Dr. Tamara Meredith, Director
- ★ Flexibility in response
- ★ Autonomy in decision making
- ★ Centering staff wellbeing

Seattle Public Library
- ★ David Christensen, Data Analysis Lead
- ★ Size and scale
- ★ Serving vulnerable populations
- ★ Removing barriers

Expansive Literature Review

"You know the public is getting more comfortable with the pandemic when the **questions get weirder and weirder**. 'Can you help me identify a strange herb in my produce box?' and 'How much did a Webster's dictionary weigh in 1860?'"
– Reference Librarian, Los Angeles Public Library, **Library Journal**

"We bought some of those buzzers they give out at the Olive Garden and make everyone take one on their way in. When they **hit their hour** it buzzes like hell, and usually people skedaddle.
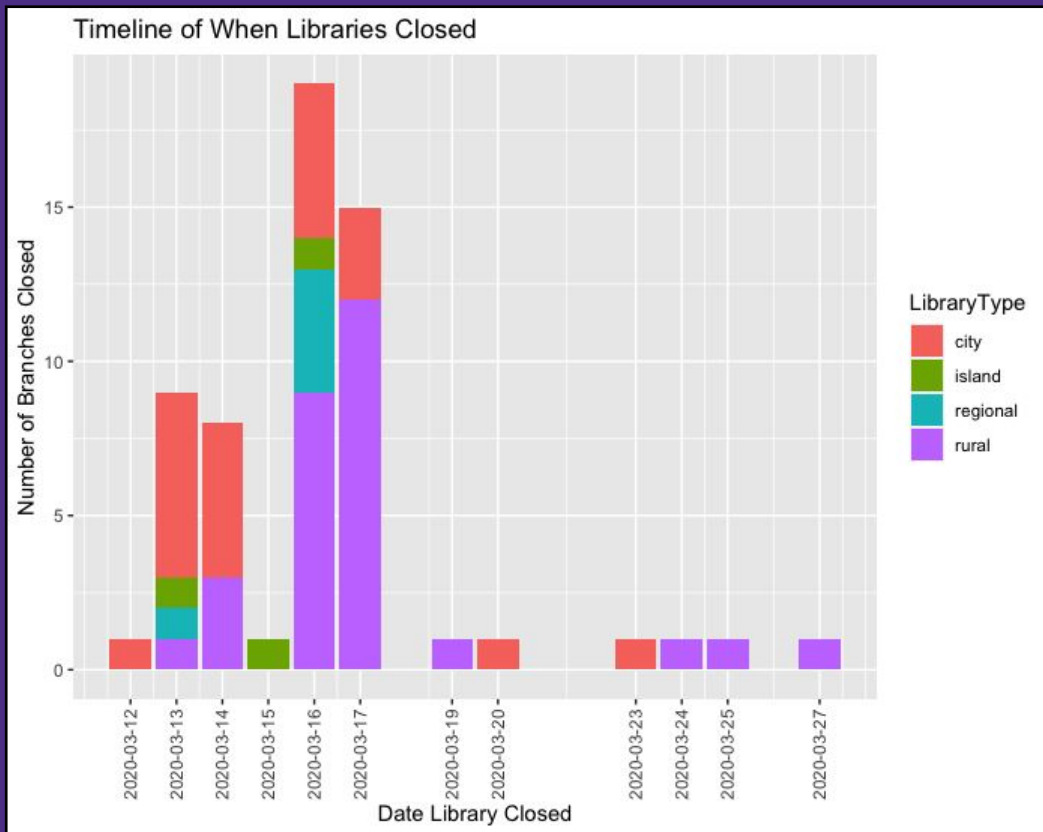– u/anotherbook, in r/Libraries on **Reddit**

Deliverables

Timeline of When Libraries Closed

★ Visualizations

★ GitBook and GitHub repository

★ Written report

★ Curation protocol

★ Curated spreadsheet

★ Data dictionary

★ Timeline graphic

Benefits & Reflection

★ Our final deliverables have immediate and future impact.

★ Standing on the shoulders of giants: others will build off this work for disaster preparation and creating a historical record for this chaotic time.

★ Collective power of public institutions and communities coming together, sharing resources, and uplifting one another.

★ Human stories bring data to life.

★ Our Capstone team rocked!

Impacts:

COVID-19   Crisis Response   Libraries   Open Data