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Collections for Our Community // A COVID-19 Response

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Our community is seeing the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in ways big and small. Our daily routines and usual stops are no longer decisions made lightly, or even at the last minute.

School days are defined in ways we never imagined. Grocery lists are trimmed to the bare essentials. Recreation and relaxation have entirely new meanings.

Public libraries are often quiet places. But not this quiet.

On March 16, Omaha Public Library's twelve neighborhood branches closed to the public until further notice. In that time the more than 750,000 physical items on our shelves have sat untouched.

Our library programs for youth and adults are canceled. The community created within our library walls has gone dormant for the foreseeable future.

And while Omaha Public Library's growing list of digital items -- eBooks, downloadable audio books, online databases, and more -- remain available to all residents of Douglas County, items are in high demand. **More digital resources are necessary to serve our patrons right now -- many of whom are unexpectedly homeschooling children for the remainder of the school year.**

To help meet the needs of Omaha Public Library and our community, today we announce a special fundraising campaign. **Collections for Our Community: A COVID-19 Response aims to raise critical dollars for digital materials.**

Please consider making an online donation today in support of this special fundraising project: www.omahalibraryfoundation.org/donate

A gift of any size will have a significant impact in the digital and remote services Omaha Public Library provides patrons of all ages during this time of uncertainty -- and in the

future.

I thank you for your past support of Omaha Public Library. Our branches may be quiet, but we look forward to seeing you (and serving you in person) soon.

Warm regards,
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