Colleagues,

The Jim Dan Hill Library wants to know about the personal experiences of our community members during the current COVID-19 pandemic. We have launched a page to collect not just dry statistics, but the public art created, feelings, and day-to-day experiences during this time. The goal of this project is to create a community archive that will preserve the story of this unprecedented time in our community.

The information and launch webpage is accessible here: https://library.uwsuper.edu/covid-19/survey. An online release form must be completed to submit.

As is the case with many other life altering events, we learn much about history through what was recorded at the time. The Jim Dan Hill library would like to make sure that personal experiences and reactions from the community during this unprecedented event will be recorded and preserved for future generations.

We are asking that community members submit records of their experiences during this time. These can be anything from journal entries, emails, social media posts, to photos, videos, or audio recordings. All members of the community are encouraged to participate. Submissions can be of the following formats:

- Writings (journal entries, reflective essays, emails, letters, social media posts, etc.)
- Responses to writing prompts
- Photos, images, and artwork
- Audio (oral histories, voice memos, etc.)
- Videos
- Any other materials that document your experience.

Potential prompts to help you get started include:

- When did you first hear about COVID-19?
- Where do you primarily get your information about local, state, national, and global events?
- How have your day-to-day activities changed due to illness, stay-at-home orders, work from home, school/daycare closure?
- Have you or someone you know been furloughed or unemployed due to economic conditions brought on by COVID-19?
- How do you feel about the response of government officials (local, state, federal) to address issues connected with COVID-19?
What observations have you noticed in your community during the pandemic?
How has life changed for you, including the positive and negative?
What are your fears and hopes in looking to the future post-pandemic?

Best,

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