



**WOOD COUNTY
DISTRICT PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Through the pandemic, we've shifted and changed in ways we never thought we would have to: developing new ways to bring library services to your home, staying connected with you and our community virtually, and eventually, when we were able, reopening the library in July of 2020. Though this year has been challenging, one thing remains the same: WCDPL is your library.

WCDPL embraced a "slow and steady wins the race" strategy at the start of the pandemic, and we still hold fast to that for the safety of our patrons and staff. Even with our phased in approach to reopening, the library continues to offer all core services digitally and during open hours. We've added a fully-fledged digital collection, WCDPL OverDrive, along with bolstering the eMedia resources already in our collection. Internally, we've stood by our protocols and continued to add to our collection while seeing more and more patrons being able to safely visit the library.

While we still have a difficult road ahead of us, we're looking toward a bright library future. As we continue to make decisions for the safety of our staff, patrons, and community, we've found ways to be together. For our Summer Reading Program: Tails and Tales, we're hosting outdoor family storytimes and outdoor programs for adults, like our Ukulele Club. As long as we can do this safely, we will find ways to continue to support and connect with our community.

As we look forward to a post-COVID future, we also value the things we've done to change with the pandemic. Online programs like our Afternoon Interludes, Bunny's Book Club, and our many partnerships brought knowledge, music, and literacy directly into homes. Our Click for Curbside and curbside pickup have been such a huge hit that they'll be a part of WCDPL long after the pandemic. As schools and businesses turned digital, we boosted the signal of our Wi-Fi to encompass our parking lots so patrons would be able to access the internet.

Because of the pandemic, our biggest fundraiser of the year, Novel Night, had to be moved to a mailed appeal. Still, this did not deter you from supporting your library. Our donors and supporters came out in full force and enabled us to continue to do what we do best: provide library services to you and your families. This was made even more clear to us as the WCDPL levy went before voters for reconsideration in November and was approved by a margin of 73%.

I want to thank you for allowing us to be your library, and for the ardent support our community has for WCDPL. As we work toward a bright library future, we look forward to serving you now and for many years to come.

See you at the library,

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