

Virtual Snacks with Council - Your Library's Successes

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Chat

Donald Sensabaugh -> All Participants: For achievements, massive overhaul of our electronic resources and fixing broken/outdated links

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: Success: We've found work from home projects for all staff - full time and student. We've been able to explore parts of the collection we would have otherwise had on the backburner - fixing catalog records for national forest maps (both electronic and print).

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: Yes, keeping the students on during a financially difficult time was incredibly important.

JoAnna McCulley -> All Participants: We are currently doing a big clean up of our e-gov title collection. Something that we have finally been able to start because of at home work.

JoAnna McCulley -> All Participants: we have 18,000+ titles in that collection

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: major review of libguide assets. helped CT State Archives transcribe woman suffrage documents so CRIS radio could record

Deb Kelly -> All Participants: I do not have a computer at home so working from home was a real challenge. I was working on inventory and had a lot of paperwork to clean up.

Alicia Kubas -> All Participants: we've started mailing books to our patrons with a prepaid return shipping label for those that request it

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I was not in building - but Connecticut State Library provided more scanned documents than usual and helped legislative library staff with research since they couldn't come over.

Margaret Terrell -> All Participants: We have been copying book chapters and more for patrons and emailing same

Ronnie Joiner -> All Participants: I provided reference services and access to parts of our government documents and local history materials while the library was closed to the public.

Cindy Etkin -> All Participants: Thanks for making it a priority to hire students when these are also financially difficult times for many. That you've been able to do this is a success!

Paige Shank -> All Participants: Because we are not open to public and people cannot yet come in, people have emailed us for information and we have been able to scan sources to help with research projects and such.

Kim Westberry -> All Participants: We created a "virtual care package" full of fun things for students in quarantine/isolation and it's been a hit

Ronnie Joiner -> All Participants: Mostly copies, but I also delivered documents to customers in our computer lab which was open part of the time even when the rest of the library was closed.

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: +1 Alicia

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: we upped the number of free printed/scanned pages

Kim Westberry -> All Participants: Here's the link: <https://libguides.uwrf.edu/carepackage>

Paige Shank -> All Participants: Providing many referrals to other departments that might be

open for services that the library might provide during normal times

Janet Holly -> All Participants: While we were teleworking, library staff could take advantage of the FDLP webinars for professional development.

Margaret Terrell -> All Participants: We have started an online book club and student programs like the two line horror stories for Halloween

Jennifer Castle -> All Participants: I created a "Things to Do While Practicing Social Distancing" guide that has links to free things like ebooks, music, exercise and meditation videos, virtual museum/state park/theme park ride tours. It's received more than 12,000 views.

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Our law librarians reported that people from courts had major issues finding places to send faxes or fill out needed forms.

Sheila Dorsey -> All Participants: We took it as an opportunity to encourage patrons to use the PURL links in the CGP and push our Marcive CRDP items.

John Elson -> All Participants: We have provided contactless delivery.

Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: At Memphis Public Library, we have been able to get a whole lot of new patrons by only having e-books/e-audio available for check out, at the time that the library was closed. It also put more focus on our library webpage in general.

Stephen Parks -> All Participants: We used the opportunity to digitize older, rare items in our collection.

Kim Westberry -> All Participants: Jennifer- can you share the link to your guide?

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I finally get to make my CT History Day research guide public and not just for students who visit. AND I can focus on remote access primary sources.

Jennifer Castle -> All Participants: Absolutely! <https://tnstate.libguides.com/socialdistancing>

Kim Westberry -> All Participants: Thank you!

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Basic beaded jewelry.

Laura Tolliver -> All Participants: Putting well-being at the fore front of my mind. Making sure I get up and walk 5-10 minutes each hour. Get out and get some sunshine and fresh air.

JoAnna McCulley -> All Participants: I love to cook. Saw a lot of bread making trending. I now make sourdough bread.

Jen Kirk -> All Participants: Woodworking! Losing commute hours allowed my husband and I to build some cabinets for our kitchen during the summer evening hours.

Julia Ezzo -> All Participants: I've made an army of crochet stuffed animal friends.

Kristina Womack -> All Participants: I started doing "paint by numbers"

Donald Sensabaugh -> All Participants: Figure drawing

Elizabeth Fox -> All Participants: Learning Irish

John Elson -> All Participants: I arranged my home library in Dewey decimal order, with a few exceptions. Now I can find things!

Stephen Parks -> All Participants: The Peloton Bike has been become a new love/hate hobby for me.

Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: i am cooking more than i have in years; peior to Covid, I would eat out a lot. Now, i am cooking and eating at home. loving it...

Paige Shank -> All Participants: Made bread a few times (homemade hamburger buns) did not turn out as successfully as liked, but fun adventure!

Emily Colucci -> All Participants: I've been a knitter for over 10 years, and have been working on a baby blanket for a while. I've been able to dedicate some focused time to make progress

on the blanket. It's pink for a friend's baby girl! ;)

Kate Irwin-Smiler -> All Participants: Lots of various projects: finished a quilt, redid our den floor, a lot of reading...

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I had to socially isolate when my teen was a preemie - an entire year and next two flu seasons (2005-2008). So social isolation isn't new - but now people understand. I've been on FB support groups offering help.

Jessica Fomalont -> All Participants: I've been involved with Toastmasters for several years. Now that we meet online, I realized I can utilize Toastmasters to do online presentations.

Deb Kelly -> All Participants: I have 2 kittens and they play all over our tiny houser (300 sq. ft.) and my over and in my work I've been knitting dish cloths to give away.

Jennifer Castle -> All Participants: I've been gardening, canning and freezing.

Katherine Chiriboga -> All Participants: @Stephen I love our Peloton! #PeloLibrarians

Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: i am doing a lot of word puzzles as well.

John Elson -> All Participants: 500 or so items in my library.

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: My son tried to teach me Pokemon and MineCraft - he wasn't successful.

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I got REALLY good at making piles of stuff on my couch - so it looks a lot like my office!

Amy Laub-Carroll -> All Participants: I've made a quilt out of scraps left over from making masks

Janet Holly -> All Participants: During Zoom or Teams meeting, I often had a cat's tail in my face. I got lots of ah-h-s from my work colleagues.

Donald Sensabaugh -> All Participants: I deliberately allow my cat to Zoombomb all my meetings

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I miss my cats - so I love seeing others' cats

Kristina Womack -> All Participants: I adopted a cat in April. He is an orange tabby and his name is Canelo.

Paige Shank -> All Participants: Trying to "work" while taking care of a baby was not easy- little work was done

Ronnie Joiner -> All Participants: We had a mask-making team. Library staff made more than 2,000 face masks. I made at least 150 masks.

Stephen Parks -> All Participants: Early on in the pandemic, I enjoyed sitting outside with my laptop and coffee and work while my pet potbelly Charlotte enjoyed the spring weather.

Jennifer Creevy -> All Participants: My home office is my second floor balcony ~38sq ft; that has been a quarantine life saver.

JoAnna McCulley -> All Participants: I have 1 small dog. (She is laying in my lap currently) Always knows exactly when I have a meeting cause that's when she starts fussing and bringing me noisy toys.

Laurie Aycock -> All Participants: @Jenny Groome -- I'm really good at making piles of stuff too! haha

Sheila Dorsey -> All Participants: A feral cat adopted me and we've been able to tame her and get her all her shots. She's destroying my sofa, but it's ok.

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Jennifer - that sounds great! I tried working outside but it often didn't work

Lawana Gladney -> All Participants: I have six outdoor cats and one in the house and they all look for my attention all the time.

Yvonne Williams -> All Participants: i don't have any pets, but I am learning how to use Zoom. Great.

Paige Shank -> All Participants: We had a team that made face masks as well- not a project I undertook, but those that did they turned out great!

Jennifer Creevy -> All Participants: I'm in New Orleans so we get 4 weeks in the Spring ~38amp; Fall where the weather is fine enough to sit outside.

Elissa Lawrence -> All Participants: during one of my weekly Teams meeting with my supervisor, one of my cats decided it was the perfect time to get up on top of my refrigerator and kitchen cabinets and start "singing"

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: I acquired lots of zoom backgrounds

Jennifer Castle -> All Participants: My pets have been fascinated with the flock of turkeys that hang out in the backyard.

Megan Minta -> All Participants: My son arrived in February, so it's been a particularly tough transition because I didn't expect to not return to the office after materniy leave!

Julia Ezzo -> All Participants: I have to fight 2 of my 3 cats everyday because the chair I use to work is their bed. It's quite the struggle. I try to share the seat, but they like to sleep on my laptop and get bitey if I try to move them.

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: @Megan - congrats on your son!

Jenny Groome -> All Participants: Will - you have a great voice for virtual conferences!

Ashley Dahlen -> All Participants: Meet you back at 2:25 p.m. Eastern for the NSF @ 70 session!

Ashley Dahlen -> All Participants: D'oh! I meant to say 1 p.m. Eastern, my apologies!

Jaime Hays -> All Participants: opps thats my bad

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Jaime Hays -> All Participants: I am ready for the weekend!