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Dear Oscar Foss Memorial Library Community,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Oscar Foss Memorial Library to provide you with some updates about library operations during this time of COVID 19.

It has always been the intention of library trustees and staff to make Oscar Foss Memorial Library a community resource and your home away from home. Each week we are happy to see our regular patrons, welcome new faces, and watch our "library kids" grow. We are grateful to the community for embracing our public library and loving it as much as we do.

The recent coronavirus pandemic has caused things to change quickly and dramatically. Thanks to your library director, Danielle Hinton, and her amazing staff, services were quickly transformed and the library has continued to serve our community in this time of uncertainty, even if the building is closed. We know it's been worrisome for everyone and we want to keep supporting our library family as much as we can.

Even though our doors are closed, library staff has been hard at work providing a number of services and working on getting the building prepared for when we reopen. Currently, we are offering:

- Contactless Curbside Pickup - can be arranged on our website at [oscarfoss.org](http://oscarfoss.org), or by calling 603-269-3900. We are also offering delivery to senior and at risk residents. Call for more information.
- Our website also contains an updated list of Remote Learning & Social Distancing Resources
- Copies and faxes can be done by appointment - call to schedule.
- Storytime with Miss Jerissa continues on our Facebook page every Wednesday! We are also sharing other resources and staff-created activities.
- Take and Make activity bags are created each week with crafting supplies and instructions and are available on our free shelf at the rear entrance by the parking lot.
- In partnership with Parks and Recreation, we have created a story walk on the Two Rivers Trail, located by the skating rink behind the library.
- Free books, magazines and DVDs are available anytime on our free shelf behind the library.

- WiFi is on all the time and can be accessed in the parking lot behind the library.
- We are not currently accepting donations, but the book donation bin in the parking lot behind the library is available and you may leave donations there as long as it's not full.
- We are still planning a modified version of Summer Reading. This year's theme is "Imagine Your Story". We will begin July 13th, so keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more info!

The Governor recently announced Guidelines for the re-opening of Libraries in NH. Please be assured that the Trustees and the director, with guidance from the Governor's Economic Reopening Task Force, the NH Department of Health and Human Services, the CDC, and in cooperation with the town and the NH library community, have had in place a phased reopening plan which is now posted on our website. Each phase is responsive to the varied health and safety conditions and is subject to change based on the current situation.

Securing staff safety and patron safety is a priority and determines the phase of service we are able to move in to. We care deeply about the safety of our patrons and staff, are taking the necessary steps to ensure we follow best practice guidelines for re-opening and plan to exercise caution as we welcome you back to the library. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we roll out services that match the safety needs of staff and patrons.

Barnstead is so very fortunate to have an incredible staff of creative and dedicated people who care deeply about serving the community. They have been hard at work finding ways to continue to support the community and I have no doubt they will continue to find new ways to support you while we work towards being able to see you all again in person

We miss you and look forward to seeing you soon!

Suzanne Allison, Chair  
Oscar Foss Memorial Library Board of Trustees

Cc: Danielle Hinton, Director  
Karen Montgomery, Town Administrator