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SHARE YOUR STORIES OF COVID-19

Novi Public Library has a wonderful Local History Room and we are creating a collection of reflections on this important historical moment. We want stories from business owners and their employees, first responders, medical professionals, people in isolation, teachers, and anyone with a story to tell.

We will accept written letters, journals, stories, poems, drawings, photos, videos, copies of social media posts, etc. All work must be original. This collection will be a valuable resource for future generations to understand life in our community during the pandemic. All ages are welcome to respond. A submission by anyone under 18 must have a parent or guardian give permission for the submission.

By submitting material, you accept the terms allowing The Local History Room of the Novi Public Library to use the materials for appropriate historical programming including exhibits and publications, website, social media and research projects.

If you have questions contact: NPL-COVID-19@novilibrary.org

Below are some ideas to use as a starting point.

Have you or someone close contracted the virus? How are you coping with that both physically and mentally?

How has social distancing or sheltering in place affected your business?

How has it affected you and your family personally? How are you balancing work and home life?

Do you foresee the pandemic changing the way you do business permanently? If so, how?

How has the pandemic led to business innovation and creativity?

What has been the hardest part about working (or being forced not to work) during a pandemic? The easiest?

Did social distancing alter any big plans or special occasions that you or your business have missed (fundraisers, expansions, etc.)?

Are you experiencing moments of sadness, fear, hope or gratitude?