

Nurturing a love of reading



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In February, we celebrated I Love to Read Month. I enjoyed reading to students by video throughout the Seven Oaks School Division.

Like most things, this looked different from past years, but technology provided a fantastic way for us to still connect and share our love of books. Growing up, I really enjoyed visiting the library and reading the books my teachers had in our classrooms. This blossomed into a lifelong love of reading, a love that is shared by my family.

Thank you to our parents, teachers and librarians for nurturing our love of reading, especially during I Love to Read Month. During this pandemic, as many of our activities look different, reading remains a wonderful tool for understanding diverse cultures, discovering innovative ideas in our ever-changing world, travelling on adventures or simply escaping into an imaginary world. It is a central way to learn, grow, and connect in today's society.

I'm pleased that, at the start of March, the City of Winnipeg was able to safely re-open its public libraries for contactless pick-up service and returns. For those who wish to



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Coun. Devi Sharma (Old Kildonan) reads to Seven Oaks School Division students virtually during I Love to Read Month.

use this service, pick-up requests can be placed online, through the WPL mobile app, or by phone.

Library staff are working hard to maintain stringent safety measures. All returned items are quarantined for at least 96 hours before processing. To help with ensuring everyone's health and safety, anyone visiting the library must wear a face mask, use the self-assessment symptom checklist, sanitize their hands, and maintain physical distancing of at least two metres.

I'd also like to remind each of you about Winnipeg's digital library, which can be

accessed at this link: <https://guides.wpl.winnipeg.ca/e>

Through this digital library, users can download eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMagazines, newspapers, movies, music and research sources.

As always, feel free to reach out to my office with any of your ideas, perspectives, or concerns about things you're seeing in our ward and city. Please connect by phoning 204-986-5264 or by emailing devi@winnipeg.ca