

LIBRARY AND POLICE TAKING FABRIC MASK DONATIONS

Collecting Masks to Serve Community Needs

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Cannon Falls, MN – The Cannon Falls Library and Police Department are teaming up to provide for those in need in the community during these difficult times. Both departments are collecting donations of unused, clean, multi-layer fabric masks that they can put in the hands of people who are unable to afford or find masks for themselves.

Since Governor Walz mandated wearing masks in all public areas throughout the state, these essential workers who interact broadly with the public have noticed a need. Not everyone owns a mask or is able to procure one.

According to Nicole Miller, Director of the Cannon Falls Library, “Since the pandemic began, we’ve interacted with members of our community who don’t have masks and don’t know where to find them. Disposable masks are only supposed to be worn once, and some people don’t have the means to make or buy reusable masks, so they wear the same disposable mask until it falls apart. The police, in their regular line of work, have also noticed more people who need help finding reusable masks. We want to help connect people with what they need in order to feel safe and healthy. ”

Donations can be dropped off at the Library or the Police Department from July 27th through August 1st. All masks should be in baggies to reduce the risk of contamination. Anyone wishing to donate masks can drop them off in the Library’s book drop, at the Police Department, or with a police officer. The Library will begin distributing masks beginning on August 3rd.

More information about what your library is doing during COVID-19 can be found at www.cannonfalls.lib.mn.us. If you have an idea for something more the library might do to meet an essential need, please contact us at cfl_ill@selco.info or call 507-263-2804.