Staying Together: Role of Libraries while schools open

- What is the plan for your district/individual schools?
- Have you touched base with your school counterparts? Do you know how their space and duties have been affected?
  - School Libraries Getting Repurposed in Reopening Plans, SLJ 7/20/20

- Anne Hamland attended the August 3rd “Reopening Schools and Re-engaging Young Learners: Instruction within the Context of Physical Distancing” with 4K and early childhood teachers and community partners.
  - Attendees were waiting for guidance from school and district leadership on everything. The largest discussion was many had no idea how to set up their classrooms safely.
  - Those in attendance hadn’t even touched base with other teachers in their buildings let alone district.
  - So, from this snapshot of attendees, there was no discussion of wifi/internet access. Total discussion was on classroom settings.

- Public Library Take-aways from above:
  - Wifi/internet connection apparent need
  - Limitation of visitors/time limits on visits is an issue for indoor library service
  - How can libraries provide service to students safely?
  - How can libraries communicate effectively with schools/teachers/librarians/students/parents?
  - Weather, comfortable seating, tables, picnic blankets/mats, and shade for wifi boosted to the outdoors is an expense.
  - What organizations can libraries partner with to overcome outdoor service issues?
    - Purchase/borrow/provide tents and spaced seating for wifi use
- Purchase/borrow/provide heat lamps for fall/winter outdoor seating
  - Facilitate alternative locations for wifi access? Coordinate efforts of volunteers to staff, sanitize, and pay for space?