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## Your masks are ready!

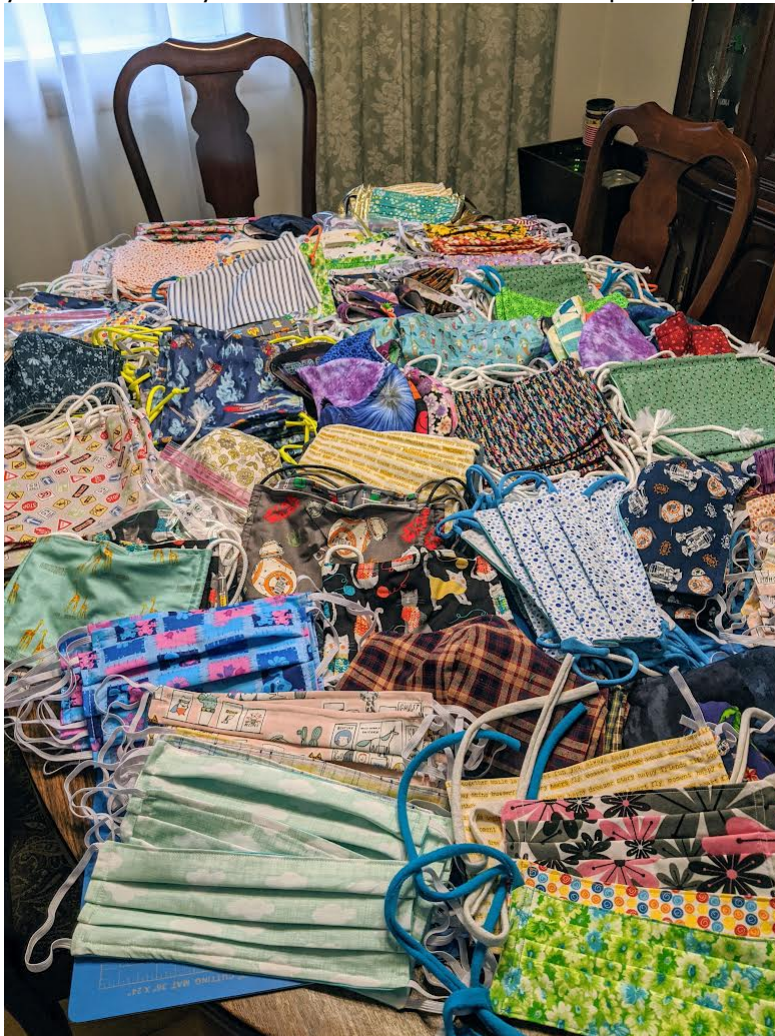
33 messages

**Cheryl Pawlak** <cpawlak@dglibrary.org>  
To: All Staff <staff@dglibrary.org>

Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:22 PM

Hi everyone

Stojana, Diane J, Sharon, Terry, Sue, Tricia. Audrey, Mary G. Janet, Nancy B, Lorel, Kelly P, Maggie, and I have made over 350 masks. Yes, you read that right. We sewed quite a variety of sizes and styles using a wide assortment of fabric. Some have ties so you can adjust the fit and some use elastic to hook over your ears. Many of the masks have wire nose pieces, too.



Max used his 3D printer to make some tension release bands, too. The back of your ears can start to hurt when you wear an elastic mask for more than just a couple of hours. But, if you use a tension release band your ears stay pain-free. Per Max "I recommend attacking them with a hairdryer until they are bendy enough to curve around your neck"



You'll find the masks on a table in the lobby. When you're scheduled to work you can pick up your masks. The maximum is 3 per person. Once you select your masks, take them home and wash them before you wear them. Please take only one tension release band. Max also wanted to remind everyone that you should sanitize the tension release band before using it.

This is a list of most of the masks we sewed. It might help you select the mask that would work best for you.

[https://www.madeeveryday.com/fabric-face-mask-free-pattern/?fbclid=IwAR0IVhW0XIZbw\\_v3tlWu5T1qcHuEUly6yel5hinan5q2Z6oUupDo7Rzw\\_AI](https://www.madeeveryday.com/fabric-face-mask-free-pattern/?fbclid=IwAR0IVhW0XIZbw_v3tlWu5T1qcHuEUly6yel5hinan5q2Z6oUupDo7Rzw_AI)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm\\_NmpdgWWA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zm_NmpdgWWA)

<https://www.joann.com/how-to-make-a-face-mask/042188731P321.html#srule=Test-V2-Search-Rule&q=face%20masks&prefn1=productGroup&prefv1=Project&start=1>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

<https://thecraftyquilter.com/2020/03/versatile-face-mask-pattern-and-tutorial/>

For those who wear glasses, this is one technique that could prevent them from fogging up when you're wearing your mask. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3293317/>

Let me end by thanking all our seamstresses who volunteered to make masks for everybody. Your handiwork will make everyone's job safer AND we'll look good, too! My favorite part of this entire task was being able to chat with you when you came by my house to pick up supplies and then dropped off completed masks. I so enjoyed our visits that I named my socially distant lawn chair in my driveway the "Visiting Chair".

Stay safe -

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:24 PM

Y'all are beautiful people! Thank you, Team Maskmakers! I am so grateful for you!

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Thank you so much to our wonderful mask making team!

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Thank you all so much.

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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**Karen Neal** <kneal@dglibrary.org>

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To: Ian Knorr <iknorr@dglibrary.org>  
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Thank you so much mask making team! It will be a hard decision to choose which one.

The Downers Grove Public Library is closed due to covid-19. I will continue to answer emails in a timely manner.

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What I'm reading: *Barefoot Summer* by Susan Mallery  
What I'm listening to: *The Cruellest Month* by Louise Penny  
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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:37 PM

Not all heroes wear capes, some make masks! The mask making team to the rescue, you all rock!!! Thank you 💕

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:27 PM Ian Knorr <iknorr@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:40 PM

Holy cow! 300 masks! That's amazing. Kudos to the entire mask-making team for taking care of us all.

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*Knights of the Dinner Table, by Jolly Blackburn*

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:42 PM

😊 This is incredible! Thank you so much for your work, Mask Making Team!

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:49 PM

I can't thank everyone enough for all of the work that went into making these masks!! I'm so grateful to have them.

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org> wrote:

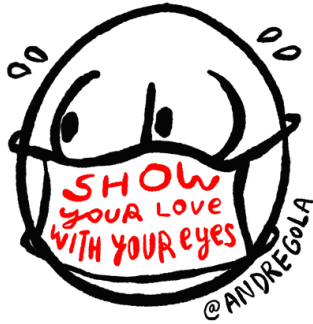
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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:49 PM

Thank you so much MMT. This truly shows how much you care about our library staff and their safety. Your hard work and the time you all put into this project is amazing!!



Sandy

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:50 PM

These look fantastic! Thank you for all the hard work!

Lizzie Matkowski

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What I'm reading: The Long Way to a Small, Angry Planet by Becky Chambers

What I'm Listening to: The Vela by Yoon Ha Lee, Becky Chambers, SL Huang, and Rivers Solomon

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 1:01 PM

Thanks everyone.

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 1:07 PM

They look truly amazing. I'm in awe. Thank you so much, to all of you.

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 1:12 PM

three cheers to Cheryl to tackled this project in the midst of a 1) a new grandbaby 2) all the other pandemic things. The researching the foggy glasses was a very nice touch.

You really did a good job, Cheryl. thanks for talking me down the I Don't want to be Responsible for Making People Sick Ledge

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**Sharon**

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 1:30 PM

Thank you so much, Mask Making Team! You are all amazing!  
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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 1:34 PM

Thanks to the mask making team! Great job!  
*MaryKellie Marquez*  
*Library Clerk, Access Services*

**What I'm Listening To:** *Grit by Angela Duckworth*

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 1:37 PM

Amazing!! Thank you so much, Mask Making Team! You are so incredible and I appreciate your hard work!  
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Thank you Mask Team!!!!

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On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 12:23 PM Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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Ray Papacek

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 2:18 PM

Thank you DGPL Mask Makers!!!

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Maria

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**Carly Meminger** <cmeminger@dglibrary.org>  
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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 2:20 PM

Thank you all for your time and resources to make the masks. We appreciate you.

-Carly Meminger

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 2:30 PM

Thanks to the mask making team for all of your hard work! And to Max for the assist to make sure everyone is comfortable!

Go team! 🙌

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Thank you all very much!

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Mon, May 11, 2020 at 3:43 PM

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Thanks for the tip on fogging up of spectacles. I have that problem.

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**Martha Harnik** <mharnik@dglibrary.org>

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To: Amy Page <apage@dglibrary.org>

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Thanks to Cheryl and the whole team. For the time, the attention to detail, the differing sizes and styles. Thank you for the additional information about glasses fogging up as that is something I have experienced. Thanks Max for the tension bands, that will be a wonderful improvement!

On Mon, May 11, 2020 at 2:40 PM Amy Page <apage@dglibrary.org> wrote:

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**Emily Kiang** <ekiang@dglibrary.org>

Mon, May 11, 2020 at 4:48 PM

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Thank you all very much!

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**Kathryn Moran** <kmoran@dglibrary.org>

Mon, May 11, 2020 at 4:50 PM

To: Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org>

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350 masks - all of you have out done yourselves. I can not thank all of you enough. What a great team.

Thank you times 350,

Kathy

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**Connie Lacey** <clacey@dglibrary.org>

Mon, May 11, 2020 at 5:29 PM

To: Kathryn Moran <kmoran@dglibrary.org>

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They look awesome! Thank you so much for all your hardwork!

Connie



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**Maureen Karl** <mkarl@dglibrary.org>

Mon, May 11, 2020 at 6:24 PM

To: Connie Lacey <clacey@dglibrary.org>

Cc: Kathryn Moran <kmoran@dglibrary.org>, Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org>, All Staff <staff@dglibrary.org>

Thanks to all the mask makers and all the hard work that went into them. Especially since I only had one mask for myself. I've already washed them and they are hang drying.

Maureen

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**Kelly Kobayashi** <kkobayashi@dglibrary.org>

Tue, May 12, 2020 at 11:26 AM

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You all are AMAZING!!! Thank you so much for your time and your mad-sewing-skillz!!!



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Thank you so much! I picked three cute masks :)

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To: Cheryl Pawlak <cpawlak@dglibrary.org>

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You guys Rock!!!

Dawn

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**J.R. Donasco** <cdonasco@dglibrary.org>

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Thank you!

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I just picked up my masks today on my first day back. Thank you, Cheryl for leading the mask making project and to all of you who took the time to make these. We are working in style now!

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