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Library collecting new socks and gloves for area homeless

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is partnering with Strategies to End Homelessness to collect new socks and gloves for the homeless in the area. Donations will be accepted at all Library locations until Saturday, Feb. 3.

The Library reached out to Strategies to End Homelessness out of a desire to help the community, inspired by the premiere of *the public*, a movie shot at the Main Library last year and showing at Santa Barbara Film Festival on Jan. 31. The movie, written, directed, and starring Emilio Estevez, centers on a public library, which becomes a temporary shelter for the homeless during a brutal winter cold spell. The Main Library is heavily featured throughout the film, which also stars Alec Baldwin, Christian Slater, Jenna Malone, Taylor Schilling and Gabrielle Union.

“Keys to ending homelessness include increasing understanding of the issue and engaging members of our generous community in the effort,” said Kevin Finn, President/CEO Strategies to End Homelessness. “Therefore, we’re proud to partner with the Library throughout 2018 to share insights into the issue of homelessness, and to support a donation drive that will allow Greater Cincinnatians to help neighbors that are experiencing homelessness.”

The Library is only accepting **new** socks and gloves. Cash or any other items cannot be accepted. The Library will also host several events in conjunction with this sock and glove drive in February. More details on those events will be available soon at CincinnatiLibrary.org. For more information, call 513-369-6900.



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About Strategies to End Homelessness

Since 2007, Strategies to End Homelessness has led a comprehensive system of care to assist the homeless in Cincinnati/Hamilton County. Working in partnership with 30 non-profit organizations, Strategies to End Homelessness coordinates a centralized emergency shelter hotline, homelessness prevention, street outreach, emergency shelter and housing solutions toward the goal of ending homelessness. A 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the organization is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), City of Cincinnati and Hamilton County, and is a United Way Agency Partner. To learn more, visit www.strategiestoendhomelessness.org.

About The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is one of the oldest, largest, and busiest libraries in the United States, serving a population of over 800,000 with a collection of more than 9 million items. In support of its mission of connecting people with the world of ideas and information, the Library also offers a wide variety of services and more than 20,000 free programs each year. For more information, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org.