Library collecting items for homeless in the area ahead of winter

The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County is continuing its partnership with Strategies to End Homelessness to collect items for the homeless in the region. Donations will be accepted at all Library locations Thursday, Sept. 6–Sunday, Sept. 30.

The Library will accept the following items: new gloves, socks, winter hats, deodorant, first aid kits, hand sanitizer, lip balm, feminine hygiene products, soap bars, tissues, toothbrushes, toothpaste and wet wipes or hand wipes.

Earlier this year, the Library reached out to Strategies to End Homelessness out of a desire to help the community, inspired by the public, a movie shot at the Main Library in 2017. The movie premiered at the Santa Barbara Film Festival Jan. 31 and will play at the Toronto International Film Festival, held Sept. 6-16, 2018. 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.

The Library is only accepting new items. Travel size toiletries are preferred. Cash or any other items cannot be accepted. For more information, visit CincinnatiLibrary.org or call 513-369-6900.

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.