



BUILDING STRONGER CONNECTIONS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

OUTREACH

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Hi, Everyone!

July's blast covers homebound services, outreach to new patrons, and how libraries aid in combating the loneliness epidemic. According to [USA Today's May 2024](#) article, Mississippi ranks second in the highest rates of loneliness in the United States. As community hubs, public libraries by existence help address issues resulting from chronic isolation. Please see below for simple outreach ideas and anecdotes for raising library awareness and making your library services accessible to all.

As always, if you have any questions feel free to reach out!

More about Loneliness, Social Isolation, and Libraries

- [Library Fosters Social Connection- Resources and Webinar](#)
- [Loneliness and Social Isolation Are Common in Rural America- Is 'Social Infrastructure' the Solution?](#)
- [Hungry for Connection: Addressing Loneliness through the Library](#)

Welcome packets for New Patrons and Residents

- [New Patron Welcome Kit- Digital Resources](#)
- [Library Welcome Center Checklist - PDF](#)
- [Sugar Grove Public Library- New Patron Brochure- PDF](#)
- [Ways to Maximize Your Library's Welcome Kit](#)

Homebound Services

- [Special Delivery- Homebound Services Expand for Growing Families](#)
- [Sims Library Homebound Program, Qualifications and Safety Policy](#)
- [Spartanburg Public Library Offers Homebound Services for Those Unable to Travel](#)

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