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Dear Memory Café Friends,

A lot has changed in our world these last 12 weeks, but the one constant is that we miss being able to see you at the memory cafes! We hope that you are all well and adjusting to life during a pandemic. It is a surreal experience for everyone.

We would like to take you on a virtual trip with us! How about a trip to a zoo? Well, if we are going virtually, why stop at one zoo? Let's go to 3 zoos from various parts of the country!

Consistently ranked as one of the best zoos in the United States, The Henry Doorley Zoo and Aquarium in Omaha, Nebraska is home to over 35,000 animals. In addition to their penguin, Indo-Pacific reef, and jellyfish live streaming cameras, they also have over 50 informative videos of various animals at the zoo. The jellyfish cam is mesmerizing.

<http://www.omahazoo.com/zoo-from-home>

One of the most popular zoo cams is the Giant Panda Cam at the Smithsonian's National Zoo in Washington, D.C. Tian Tian and Mei Xiang are the stars of the show. Be sure to switch back and forth between cameras 1 and 2 to see them both. In addition to pandas, you can also see live streams of lions, elephants, cheetah cubs, naked mole-rats, and black-footed ferrets who recently had an adorable litter!

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>

The San Diego Zoo offers 12 different live cameras allowing you to view koalas, polar bears, tigers, hippos and even a condor camera allowing you to see Sola, a condor chick that was hatched on May 6th.

<https://zoo.sandiegozoo.org/live-cams>

Remember these are live cameras so some of the animals may be sleeping or out of camera range when you are trying to view them. Try watching them at different times and on different days to get a wider variety. After watching some of the live videos, try some of these conversation starters:

- Which animal did you like watching the best?
- Which animals were sleeping?
- Which animals were eating?
- What is your favorite zoo?
- What is the best part of going to the zoo?

From your Library Memory Project friends.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you soon!