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Hello Memory Café Friends!

We hope this email finds you enjoying the beautiful days of summer. Have you taken a walk lately? If you are a regular walker have you tried a new route?

We have a couple of very important announcements. First, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the Library Memory Project Family Day scheduled for October 17th. We know you share in our disappointment, but your health is very important to us and we could not provide a quality, family friendly event in a safe manner. There were many factors that went into this decision. Please contact us if you have questions or would like more specific information. We plan on having another Family Day event in 2021!

Second, we want to invite you all to our **August 27th Virtual Memory Café**. This month's theme is "Going to the Fair". Join us as we talk about all things county and state fair. Be sure to contact Angela at ameyers@bridgeslibrarysystem.org or 262-896-8245 to register and receive your Zoom link. A copy of the flyer is attached to this email.

For this month's virtual tour we thought it would be a good idea to leave the confines of the United States and take a look at other parts of the world. Let's go "down under" and visit Australia!

Perhaps the most recognizable image of Australia is the Sydney Opera House. You can now walk around this iconic structure from the comfort of your own home. Click [here](#) to walk around the exterior or [here](#) to explore the interior.

To experience the Australian desert and history from indigenous Australians, take a virtual tour of Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park, named after two of Australia's most spectacular sites: the world-famous sandstone monolith of Uluru and the red domes of Kata Tjuta. You can find the virtual tour [here](#) where you can "walk" through the national park while hearing stories and songs from Australia's indigenous people.

Be ready to "ooh and aww" when viewing the live webcams at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary in Queensland. Click [here](#) to see eight webcams of adorable koalas in action. They even have a live webcam for joeys (baby Koalas). Queensland is 15 hours ahead of us, but even if the koalas are sleeping there are pre-recorded videos of them in action.

For your listening pleasure how about virtual MSO - Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. You can find pre-recorded concerts [here](#). The Sydney Symphony Orchestra offers two listening experiences: [pre-recorded livestream concerts](#) and a [Chamber Sounds Digital Series](#) which showcases individual works and shorter run times (5-20 minutes).

If museums are more your style take one of the many virtual tours offered at the [Melbourne Museum](#). Most of the virtual tours are self guided, but you can also listen to the entertaining and humorous “The Listies Totally Serious 100% Fact Filled Guide to the Melbourne Museum” complete with corresponding photographs. Be sure to also check out the National Gallery of Victoria’s [self-guided virtual tours](#) of Australian and international works of art.

Finally, a trip to Australia would not be incomplete without experiencing the Great Barrier Reef. Enjoy an in-depth tour with David Attenborough in his Great Barrier Reef: An Interactive Journey program found [here](#).

Did you enjoy your trip to Australia? If you have been to Australia before, did you see something new this time? Was anything different from your last visit? Where should we go next time? Let us know if there is a particular location or attraction that you would like to take a virtual trip to and we will try our best to take us there.

From your Library Memory Project friends.

Stay healthy and we hope to see you at the August 27th virtual Memory Café!