



McHenry Public Library Renovation Project Questions and Answers

Will the library be closed during the renovation?

We are closed until the second week in June. We originally thought we'd reopen on June 7, but construction delays have forced us to push back the date a bit. Check our website (www.mchenrylibrary.org) or call 815-385-0036 for the exact date as we get closer to June 7. We will answer phones while we're closed as long as it's safe for staff to be in the building. Our website will be up and running – see separate question/answer below.

When we do open again, **the Check-Out desk and public entrance will be temporarily relocated** to the northwest side of the library (use north parking lot). Patrons will enter/exit through the new meeting rooms. This is so workers can renovate the front lobby area, vestibule and parking lot – Phase 2 of the project.

When will the renovation be completely done?

Work on the final phase of the renovation should be completed some time in late summer. We're planning on having a combination Grand Reopening/75th Anniversary celebration the week of October 2.

What materials will be available during the spring closing?

Our collection will be in accessible during the closing. You can check other libraries' collections using the "Library Catalog" function on our website to see if they have the items you want.

While the library is closed, where can I drop off items due?

You can drop off all library items in the silver bin on our property just to the north (look for sign). We'll empty it out daily.

Can I Use Other Libraries While You're Closed?

Yes. You can check out items and use services at other area libraries (see list on last page). Just register your MPLD card at the other library's front desk for reciprocal borrowing privileges.

Will I still be able to place "holds" on items when you're closed?

Yes. However, you'll need to pick up your items at another library in our shared catalog (see list at end). You will be notified either by phone or e-mail (if you've registered your e-mail address in the "My Account" feature on our website) when your item is available. If you've registered your card at a library that is not part of our shared catalog (like Johnsburg, Wauconda & Woodstock), you may be able to place holds through their online catalog.

Will your website be up and running during the renovation and during closings?

Of course! Our website is your online library 24 hours a day. You can look up items in our catalog (which contains the collections of 23 area libraries), place holds, pay fines, renew items and do online research for school or personal projects or assignments. You'll need a valid MPLD library card number to use these services.

Why is the library undergoing a renovation?

Since we had an increase in operating funds in 1999, we've increased collections, staff and services, but not space. We're at capacity in terms of space, and have safety and structural issues to deal with since our building is nearly 40 years old. After 2008's referendum for a new building was defeated, the board decided to make some needed changes to our current building. With these improvements, we plan on staying in this location for another 7-10 years.

What will some of the improvements be?

We're expanding into part of our warehouse space, gaining about 5,800 square feet. This will house two larger meeting rooms, a staff workroom, new conference and three study rooms, additional restrooms and a genealogy/local history room. In the front of the building, the checkout/check-in areas will be reconfigured, the Friends book sale area will be relocated and the vestibule will be enlarged. We're also adding a couple of self-checkout units, a self-serve "holds" area, and a materials drive-up/drop-off area on the south side. New furniture and soft seating to accommodate laptop users will greet users as well as new public PC tables and chairs. We'll also have new, more colorful and user-friendly furniture for the children's and YA area.

Where can I find the most up-to-date information about the project and schedule?

On our website. We have a page dedicated to our project, including a blog, all of which will be updated while we're closed. Just click on the "Building Renovation" link on our home page -www.mchenrylibrary.org

Neighboring Area Libraries

Algonquin Area Public Library District

2600 Harnish Dr.
Algonquin, IL 60102
847.458.6060
www.aapl.org

Johnsburg Library*

3000 N. Johnsburg Rd.
Johnsburg IL 60050
Phone: 815-344-0077
www.johnsburglibrary.org

Cary Area Public Library

1606 Three Oaks Rd.
Cary IL 60013
Phone: 847-639-4210
www.cary.lib.il.us

McHenry River East Public Library District*

813 W. Route 120
McHenry IL 60051
Phone: 815-385-6303
www.rivereastlibrary.org

Crystal Lake Public Library

126 Paddock St.
Crystal Lake IL 60014
Phone: 815-459-1687
www.crystallakelibrary.org

Wauconda Area Library District*

801 N. Main St.
Wauconda IL 60084
Phone: 847-526-6225
www.wauclib.org

** These libraries are not part of our shared online catalog system but you can still check out items there and use their public computers.*

Woodstock Public Library*

414 W. Judd St.
Woodstock IL 60098
Phone: 815-338-0542
www.woodstockpubliclibrary.org