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Weston Branch Open, Welcome Back Ceremony on Nov. 8

Library Completes Branch Renovations, Hosts Ribbon-Cutting and Open House

Weston, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of renovations at its Weston Branch, which reopened to the public on September 20, resuming its regular hours (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.). An official Welcome Back Ceremony will be held at the branch on Thursday, November 8, at 9:00 a.m. and will include remarks from Library leadership as well as local elected officials, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony and reception.

“We’re very excited to welcome Weston residents back to their local library,” said Misty Atwood, Weston Branch Assistant Manager. “The renovations have created a more functional, beautiful space that is better equipped to serve the needs of modern library customers, and we can’t wait to show it off!”

In addition to the Welcome Back Ceremony, the Weston Branch will host an Open House on Saturday, November 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will open with live entertainment by juggler Brian Wendling, and continue with refreshments, the opportunity to take “I Love My Library” photos, and participate in a mobile scavenger hunt through the free GooseChase app to qualify for a $50 gift certificate to Weston’s Tin Kitchen Restaurant.

During both the Welcome Back Ceremony on Thursday and throughout the day on Saturday, the Library will give away special commemorative tokens (one per person) that can be used one time to clear all Library fines and fees up to $10. The Weston Branch Scavenger Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 10, and continue through Friday, November 16, at 6:00 p.m. To register for the live entertainment, visit mymcpl.org/events.

Since the branch closed on July 6, it has received a variety of interior and exterior upgrades, including a reading nook and improved technology. While the branch was closed, customers were directed to the Platte City Branch to conduct their Library business, including to pick up holds. Now that the Weston Branch has reopened, holds have been automatically transferred back.

Scheduled at the start of Phase I of MCPL’s Capital Improvement Plan, the Weston Branch is the first of many Library branches to receive upgrades, which have been made possible by increased funding from the passage of Proposition L by voters in 2016. While the upgrades at each branch vary based on individual community needs and the building’s current condition, the Library’s goal has been to create more intentional spaces and improve essential technology. Design work for the five-year Capital Plan is being completed by Sapp Design Architects and Helix Architecture + Design with JE Dunn assuming responsibility for construction contractor management.
In addition to all the physical upgrades, the increased funding approved by voters in 2016 has allowed MCPL to expand branch hours, enhance special services, augment early literacy efforts, and buy more materials.

More information about the Weston Branch’s reopening can be found at mymcel.org/Community.

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