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Platte City Branch Reopens, Ribbon Cutting on Dec. 13

Library Completes Branch Renovations, Hosts Welcome Back Celebrations

Platte City, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of renovations at its Platte City Branch (2702 N.W. Prairie View Road, Platte City, MO 64079), which reopened to the public on November 5, resuming its regular hours (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 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, December 13, 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 incredibly excited to welcome the community back to their beautifully updated library,” said Rachel Rafuse, Platte City Branch Manager. “Our customers have been very patient over the past few months, and we can’t wait to show them all of the improvements we’ve been working hard on, including my favorite—the new children’s area. Our branch has truly transformed into a modern space that will better meet the needs of today’s library users.”

In addition to the Welcome Back Ceremony, the Platte City Branch will host an Open House on Saturday, December 15, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with live entertainment from Mad Science at 2:00 p.m., refreshments, and a selfie station. 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.

In addition, the Library will offer a mobile scavenger hunt through the free GooseChase app, which customers can participate in to qualify for a $50 gift certificate to Bee Creek Café and Bakery. The Platte City Branch Scavenger Hunt will kick off at the ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 13 and run through December 21 at 6:00 p.m.

Since the Platte City Branch closed on September 20, it has received a variety of interior and exterior upgrades, including an updated program room with A/V equipment, an outside seating area, a new children’s area, new furniture and carpeting, and upgraded technology, including improved Wi-Fi coverage and access as well as updated computers for adults and children.

Scheduled near the start of Phase I of MCPL’s Capital Improvement Plan, the Platte City Branch is one 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 Platte City Branch’s reopening can be found at mymcpl.org/Community.

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