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Excelsior Springs Branch Reopens, Ribbon Cutting on Dec. 5

Library Completes Branch Renovations, Hosts Welcome Back Celebrations

Excelsior Springs, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of renovations at its Excelsior Springs Branch, which reopened to the public on November 5, resuming its regular hours (Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Saturday: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.). An official Welcome Back Ceremony will be held at the branch on Wednesday, December 5, 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.

“The community of Excelsior Springs has been tremendously supportive during the renovation process, allowing us to temporarily set up shop in the Hall of Waters and patiently awaiting the reopening of their library,” said Stephen Chalmers, Excelsior Springs Branch Manager. “Now it’s our turn to return the favor by welcoming everyone back to our beautifully upgraded building, which we hope customers find to be a more modern and useful space.”

In addition to the Welcome Back Ceremony, the Excelsior Springs Branch will host an Open House on Saturday, December 8, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will open with live entertainment by juggler Brian Wendling and will continue with refreshments, a selfie station, and a mobile scavenger hunt through the free GooseChase app to qualify for a $50 gift certificate to Ventana Gourmet Grill. Plus, attendees will have the chance to meet the Library’s mascot, Marty the Martian.

During both the Welcome Back Ceremony on Wednesday 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 Excelsior Springs Branch Scavenger Hunt will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8, and will continue through Friday, December 14, at 6:00 p.m. To register for the live entertainment, visit mymcpl.org/events.

Since the Excelsior Springs Branch closed on June 11, it has received a variety of interior and exterior upgrades, including a new community room with A/V equipment, a new children’s area, a new collaboration room, new furniture, an outdoor seating area, and upgraded technology.

Scheduled at the start of Phase I of MCPL’s Capital Improvement Plan, the Excelsior Springs 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 Excelsior Springs Branch’s reopening can be found at mymcpl.org/Community.**