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Blue Springs South Branch Reopens, Rededication Ceremony on Jan. 11

Library Completes Branch Renovations, Marks New Chapter with “Book Opening” Ceremony

Blue Springs, MO – Mid-Continent Public Library is pleased to announce the completion of renovations at its Blue Springs South Branch (2220 S. 7 Hwy., Blue Springs, MO 64014), which reopened to the public on December 10, 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. – 5:00 p.m.). An official Rededication Ceremony will be held at the branch on Friday, January 11, at 9:00 a.m. and will include remarks from Library leadership as well as local officials, followed by a “book opening” ceremony—marking a new chapter for the branch—and reception.

“We're very much looking forward to celebrating the new life of this branch, which was made possible by the support of our wonderful community,” said Jacqueline Reed, MCPL Associate Director for Public Services and former Blue Springs South Branch Manager. “Our customers were incredibly patient during the renovation process, and I hope they'll agree that this beautifully upgraded space was worth the wait!”

In addition to the Rededication Ceremony, the Blue Springs South Branch will host an Open House on Saturday, January 12, which will kick off at 10:00 a.m. with live entertainment from magician Eric Vaughn, followed by refreshments and a selfie station. During both the Rededication Ceremony on Friday 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 Blue Springs 8 Theatre. The Blue Springs South Branch Scavenger Hunt will kick off at the rededication ceremony on January 11 and run through January 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Since the Blue Springs South Branch closed on June 11, it has received a variety of interior and exterior upgrades, including a new community room with A/V equipment (seats 140), new collaboration rooms, new teen and children’s areas, a reading lounge, new furniture, and upgraded technology including new computers and printers as well as improved Wi-Fi coverage and access.

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