

# **Library Renovation FAQs**

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## **Is there a need (or desire) for a Buffalo Grove (ITPLD) branch?**

Library staff heard positive comments from several residents about the temporary library location and, based on our attendance figures, we know it is being well used. We are always looking for ways to better serve our community, however, we do not have current plans to open a Buffalo Grove branch. Over the next year, we will start work on a new strategic plan that may include exploring options for service locations in other areas we serve.

## **Did we need to build a bigger library?**

In order to assess the building situation pre-renovation, we completed engineering studies on the 355 Schoenbeck building in 2010 and 2013 and community focus groups in 2010 and again in 2012. These studies determined there were several mechanical and building issues that needed to be resolved for the building to operate as cost-efficiently as possible. For example, the previous building was an all electric building with equipment that needed to be replaced. An all-electric building is very inefficient for heating and cooling the facility so the library planned for replacement using more efficient technologies.

The library also lacked sufficient meeting and classroom space to serve our members' needs. The pre-renovation building was 46,000 square feet, which was inadequate to serve our population of 67,000. Almost 15,000 square feet will be added to the building, which allowed us to add the new services and areas that were requested by the community through the focus group process.

## **What features make the new building environmentally friendly?**

The most significant change to the building was the conversion of the electric HVAC system with a system featuring geothermal wells and natural gas boilers. LED light fixtures have been installed to improve energy efficiency.

## **Can you tell me more about the green roofs?**

The green roofs are located on the west and south sides of the building on the 2nd floor. The planting material that is being used are trays of sedum which are native to the area and require little to no maintenance.

**When will the library reopen at 355 Schoenbeck?**

The temporary library will close on March 20, 2017, and we will reopen on April 10, 2017, at 355 Schoenbeck Rd.

**Will the library have more books and movies than before the renovation?**

The number of movies and books will be approximately the same as before the renovation, although the shelving has been replaced to improve browsing and display capabilities.

**Can I request items from another library when the library is closed?**

As we approach the weeks the library will be closed for the move, we will need to put interlibrary loan service on hiatus. We do not want materials to arrive when we are unable to make it available to our members or have items due back to the lending libraries when we are closed. The last day members will be able to submit a title for interlibrary loan before we reopen is Thursday, March 2.

Any ILL material that is received from other libraries between March 2-19 will be available for members to pick up at the temporary library and Prospect Heights.

**What will be the hours of the Launch Pad?**

The Launch Pad tentatively plans to be open 1-8 pm during the week when school is in session and 11 am-8 pm during the summer. Weekend hours will be 10 am-4 pm on Saturdays and 1-4 pm on Sundays throughout the year.

**Can I use the Launch Pad by myself?**

There will be many opportunities in the Launch Pad for members to explore independently. Tools and learning kits from knitting needles to robotics kits will be available for walk-in usage to accommodate our members confident in specific technologies. Our sound and video editing rooms will be available for individual use beginning in Fall 2017.

Certain tools such as the sewing machines, embroidery machine and vinyl cutter will require a one-time certification appointment with a Launch Pad staff member. Once members have completed the certification, they will be able to use those tools independently.

The Launch Pad staff will also provide a healthy mixture of independent open lab time and group classes to help inspire creativity. The Launch Pad will be staffed during its open hours for guidance and assistance.

### **What types of equipment will be available in the Launch Pad? What are the age requirements?**

Activities in the Launch Pad will appeal to members of all ages and will be constantly changing. As in other areas of the library, children under the age of 9 must be accompanied by an adult 16 years or older, unless there is a program being conducted for their age group. We will have kits that anyone with a registered library card will be able to check out for use in our space. Kits will feature items ranging from rainbow looms to Ozobots and simple Makey Makey computing sources. Equipment available on opening day will include a Silhouette cutter, laser cutter, 3D printer, 3D scanner, sewing machines, embroidery machine, a film strip scanner and a VHS/DVD convertor.

### **How many study rooms are there?**

Members needing a quiet space to work, study or for group meetings will have access to nine study rooms. The rooms offer a variety of seating space that ranges from 1-10 people with access to a digital monitor in each room.

### **How do I reserve a study room?**

Study rooms can be reserved by Indian Trails Public Library District cardholders in good standing, ages 9 and older. Staff members can make reservations for ESL students and tutors as well as children under 9 who are with an adult aged 16 or older. Same day reservations can be made using your ITPLD library card at the self-service kiosk on the second floor.

### **What is the Middle Ground?**

The Middle Ground is a space for students in grades 6-8 to use for study or collaborative work. Food is allowed in the Middle Ground.

### **Why are there play areas in the library?**

When kids play they learn about the world around them and develop skills that are important for early literacy. Play is vital for cognitive development and gives children the opportunity to learn important social skills. Our new interactive areas are designed to stimulate the imagination, foster cooperative play, develop literacy skills, encourage scientific thought and give families many ways to explore and learn together.

**Can I rent a program room?**

We anticipate offering rentals of the Lake-Cook Meeting Rooms in 2018.

**When will the Reading Garden go in?**

The engraved bricks from the former Reading Garden were installed in March. The new bricks will be installed in early summer.

**When is the deadline to purchase a brick for the garden?**

May 15.

**Will book donations come back when we move?**

Book donations will be accepted at some point in the future.

**Will you have the Used Book Sale room at 355 Schoenbeck Rd?**

There will not be a Used Book Sale Room when we return to 355 Schoenbeck.

**Will there be a book sale this year?**

Used Book Sales will resume in 2018, and the Library Foundation will be sponsoring this event and will seek volunteers for this in the future.

**What is the date for public sale?**

The sale is set for April 22 at 798 S. Buffalo Grove Rd., next door to the Hair Cuttery and in the former Just Kids Store. Cash and credit cards accepted.

**Will there be a grand opening?**

Yes, a grand opening celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 6, 10 am-2 pm.