



October 2009



Be the first to see what the historic Richardson library looks like after its two-year renovation! We are once again calling for volunteers to help in moving books back to our new and improved building at 53 Main Street

via a book brigade that will line up from the Frothingham building at 15 Barrows Street.

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Saturday, November 7th

9:00 AM to 12:00 pm

Rain Date: Sunday, November 8th, 2-5 pm

For those who did not get a chance to participate the last time, book brigades are much like old-fashioned bucket brigades that citizen volunteers formed to pass water buckets to the scene of a fire. Volunteers are invited to create a human chain and actively participate by passing along as many books as possible from the temporary location and putting them in place in the main library. Anyone wishing to "sit" on the line is welcome to bring a chair.

Library staff, board members, and volunteer managers will be on hand to make sure everyone has a good time while working hard to move the books. Be a part of this community moment - it is one that you and the kids will never forget!

MOVING BACK



While we manage the transition from building-to-building, we will provide as much library service as possible from different locations. Part of the Frothingham building at 15 Barrows will remain open at first, and then, until the Main Library is ready, we will move pick-up and return services to the Cottage at 56

Main Street.

Here are the details:

Saturday, October 24th, 5 pm

Last day for using the entire library collection at 15 Barrows.

Monday, October 26th - Friday, November 6th - Regular Hours

The front room, that is, the Circulation Department at Barrows St. will be open to pick-up and return materials; and for limited borrowing of books, magazines, DVDs and CDs.

During this time, you WILL be able to:

- * Pick up reserves ordered from other libraries.
- * Read and borrow magazines.
- * Browse and borrow from the Adult DVD and music collections.
- * Read the newspapers.
- * Have a cup of coffee and biscotti.
- * Use the few available public computers for 30 minutes a day.
- * Ask the staff for help with reserves or reference questions!

You will NOT be able to:

- * Browse the book collection for adults, children, or teens.
- * Attend any computer classes
- * Use the reference collection

At 5 pm on Friday, November 6th...

The Frothingham building at 15 Barrows Street will be completely closed so it can reopen later as the Department of Aging and the Department of Recreation, and the Cottage (see picture below) will be used as an interim Circulation Department.

Monday, November 9th - Monday, November 30th 10 am - 5 pm

All holds can be picked up at the Cottage on 56 Main Street, 10 am - 5 pm Monday - Friday only. You may return items here or keep them until the library re-opening. All due dates will be waived in this period.

During this time we encourage students and others needing homework and reference help to use Live Homework Help, the Testing & Education Reference Center, and all the other databases available through our website. We encourage everyone to also use the excellent reserve system by which you can get material from 73 other libraries delivered to the Easton location. Users may continue to request books online through the library catalog from all the libraries in the SAILS network, except from the Main Library in Easton.

For those needing computers, the YMCA has kindly offered the use of their machines from 8 am - 12 pm every day to all library cardholders. The MacPhaidin Library at Stonehill also has computers that may be used by Easton residents.

OPENING DAY!



Our opening-day target is Monday, November 30, 2009 following the Thanksgiving vacation. Barring unforeseen delays,

the restored Richardson building will be re-opened at 10 am following its two year facelift.

Highlights that you can look forward to are:

- * An expanded parking lot
- * An elevator
- * A customized circulation desk
- * New space for fiction
- * New book and DVD drop boxes
- * Arts and crafts chandeliers
- * Central heating and cooling
- * Some new computers including laptops
- * Large screen wall mounted television for programs
- * A not-so-secret garden adjoining the parking lot
- * No more spooky restrooms!
- * And, of course, the same friendly staff.

Pay us a visit. Be a part of the excitement. Get to experience a perfect marriage between modern convenience and classic elegance, the hallmark of the renovated 1883 Richardson building.

Your library is ready to be used for the next one hundred years.

Thank you for reading this edition of the library eNewsletter. Any questions or comments should be addressed to our email, or call 508-238-2000.

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