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LIBRARY RENOVATION - FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

When will the renovation start?

Depending on the bidding (and contract award) process, we hope to start September, 2024.

Will the Library close? Why?

Yes. Virtually every public space on the main and lower level will be “touched.” It is more cost-effective to perform the same work at the same time, rather than in phases.

Will the Library be expanded?

No. Renovation will be confined to the existing structure of the Library building.

What is included in the renovation?

The three main service points - front/circulation, Reference, and Children’s Rooms - will be completely revamped. The circular staircase will be modernized. There will be a new bathroom created on the main floor. And there will be a designated Teen area in the lower level. All of the flooring and the furnishings, including the shelving units, tables, chairs, and sofas, will be changed.

What is not included? Why?

The Auditorium and the public restrooms will not be renovated at this time. They will be renovated later, through grant funding opportunities.

Historical features, including the brickwork, fireplaces and murals, will remain unchanged.

How long will the renovation last?

Renovation is expected to take 9-12 months.

Where will the staff be during the renovation?

The majority of the Teaneck Library staff will be working in New Milford and other staff members will be working at several surrounding libraries.

What if we still have Teaneck items?

You can return them to any of the other 77 BCCLS libraries.

Can we track the progress of the renovation? How?

Yes. You can go to our website <teanecklibrary.org>, sign up for our email newsletters, and check our social media for updates.

What are the Library “operations” during the renovation?

○ **New Milford Library at 200 Dahlia Drive:**

We will have 2 FT staff and all of our PT staff at the circulation desk, as well as 2 FT staff in Youth Services, at this library.

○ **Where are the neighboring libraries?**

Within 5 miles of TPL, there are libraries in Bogota, Leonia, Ridgefield Park, Englewood, Hackensack, Bergenfield, New Milford, Tenafly, Dumont, Fort Lee, Little Ferry, River Edge, and Paramus. The information about the location and hours of operation can be found on BCCLS website <<https://www.bccls.org/Calendar/hours.php>>.

○ **Where can we pick up their hold requests and loans?**

The default pick-up location will be New Milford for Teaneck residents during renovation. However, any of the other 77 BCCLS libraries can be designated as the “pick-up” location for your holds. The new preferred pick-up location can be saved in your library account.

○ **Will there be access to Teaneck items?**

Our museum passes and hotspots will be available at New Milford Library. Digital content will also continue to be accessible. However, our physical library items will not be available, as Teaneck library materials will be boxed and stored until reopening.

○ **What if there are issues and problems? Whom can we contact?**

Patrons can contact the New Milford Library at 201-262-1221. Teaneck Library’s general email addresses will continue to be monitored:

Patron Services: teancirc@bccls.org

Reference: reference@teaneck.bccls.org

Youth Services: youth@teaneck.bccls.org

○ **What about Home Delivery?**

Home Delivery will continue for those already signed up. In addition, for patrons aged 60 and over, Bergen County offers the **Ride Connect** program, which provides a free transportation service from one location to another within Bergen County. To request service, please call 201-368-5955 Mon-Fri, 9 AM - 2 PM.