

Makover Day Coming Soon to Library

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On Friday, July 12th, the library will be closed for a makeover. So plan ahead and stock up on your reading, watching, and listening materials.

There will be new furniture arriving on the 12th, which will need to be assembled, and in some cases, wired. A new power table with stools will be installed on the east side for patrons who need to plug in devices or laptops.

Our west side reading lounge area will also see new furniture. In addition to a regular table and chairs there will be new reading area seating, end tables, and benches. Some of this furniture will be wired as well.

New magazine displays will house both current and back issues of periodicals, so patrons don't have to walk to a different room to find past publications.

Patrons may have noticed that the displays for new books have already arrived, and soon new solar shades for the windows will be installed on the ground floor as well. The solar shades will help with energy efficiency and will be more attractive than the current sun-rotted drapes.

These furniture purchases, along with new window treatments, are funded by the Columbus Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library.

The current furnishings have served the library well for many years, but an updated look and comfortable seating are past due.

Other changes you will see when you come in after the facelift include new paint and the removal of some very dated pink wallpaper.

The makeover will not only provide comfort, atmosphere, and aesthetic improvements, but the seating will be much easier to clean and sanitize.

Staff will do their best to answer phones during this time, but if a paintbrush is in hand, you may have to leave a voicemail, and someone will get back to you just as soon as possible. As always, our electronic resources are available online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Library staff appreciates the donation of time and labor given by some Library Board of Trustee volunteers, Friends of the Library volunteers, and Boy Scouts. The Friends of the Library are even providing lunch for the workers on makeover day.

Library staff continues to work hard to be responsive to the feedback generated during the strategic planning process. As time and funding allows, the public will continue to see improved services and features.

The Columbus Public Library (CPL) Board of Trustees and the Board of the Friends of the Columbus Public Library are currently accepting applications for new board members. There is no paid compensation for these positions.

The CPL Board of Trustees is a governing body that carries responsibility for the library and its policies. The Friends of the CPL are a volunteer group who support the library, especially in the area of programming.

Persons interested in filling out an application for the CPL Board of Trustees may pick up an application at the library or fill one out online at www.columbusne.us/library under the Library Board link.

Persons interested in serving on the Board of the Friends of the CPL may email their contact information to library@columbusne.us.

Columbus Education Association donated books in honor of the following employees' retirements: Ila Arrants, Leslee Ahrens, LeAnne Emerson, Mary Hellbusch, Marci Kennedy, Susan Korte, Kim Korth, Marilyn Lamb, Joanne Mancuso, Linda Masek, Beth Millard, Mark Mueller, Craig Post, Mona Schoenrock, Jan Stevens, Ed Travers, Joyce Udey, and Alice Wragge.

The Victor Wilke Family donated to the library in his memory, and Gail Wurdeman donated in memory of Lucille Ellison.