



LIBRARY CLOSED

December 24 and 25, for the Christmas holidays, and on New Year's Day, January 1.



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government, providing library services
to Beaumont and Cherry Valley



December 2024

Beaumont Library Expansion & Renovation Will Impact 2025 Operations & Schedule

by Luren Dickinson, Director

After decades of planning, Beaumont Library District's expansion and renovation project is finally happening. On November 18, construction crews started fencing off the southern portion of the parking lot area in preparation for bringing equipment onto the work site.

Also, hazardous waste abatement began on the library-owned house just south of the parking lot late last month and demolition is expected to take place in the latter half of December to provide further space for the contractors working on the Phase I expansion.

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Beaumont Library has not been enlarged since 1965 when there were 6,500 people in the service area. Sixty years later the district now has over 65,000 residents!

The first phase of construction will nearly double the facility's square footage and is expected to begin in early 2025 with a groundbreaking ceremony in mid-February.

Once full Phase I construction begins early next year, onsite parking will be limited and the east entrance to the library will be closed and only the California Avenue entrance will be available.

Because some of the library's current space will be needed as part of the staging for Phase I, library operations will be constrained, and regular in-library programs will be put on hold.

There will be little seating or study space available for library users other than at the public computers and at tables limited by reservation to use by children and tutors. Bookmobile stops and other outreach services, however, will continue as usual.



Storytime steps in the “Family Place” play space of the new Children’s Room.

The expansion will feature an all-new children's room with a dedicated “Family Place” play area with step seating for storytime activities, a separate space especially for teens, a conference room for both library

and public use, state-of-the-art public restrooms, and a community room with the capacity to host up to 100 people!



The new Community Room will be a flexible space for library programs and public use.

A garage will also be included in the Phase I expansion to house the brand-new Beaumont Library Bookmobile. In addition, there will be a new Friends of the Beaumont Library bookstore that will be accessible from the east parking lot.

Phase II, expected to begin in late 2025, will update and preserve our historical Carnegie Library, the last one still operating in Riverside County, which celebrated its 110th birthday in 2024.

We will maintain 7-day-a-week operations, but with reduced hours in 2025. Moves of library shelving and office space may require closures at various stages during construction, so check Beaumont Library's social media pages, including Facebook and Instagram, as well as our expansion and renovation website, myBLDproject.org, for updates.

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Library Hours

Sunday—1 to 6 p.m.

Monday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Tuesday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesday—1 to 6 p.m.

Thursday—10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday—10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Bookmobile Stops

Last Mondays—4 p.m., Sundance Elementary Family Walk

Tuesdays—11 a.m., Noble Creek

Wednesdays—11 a.m., Chatigny; 3 p.m., Blossom Apartments;
4 p.m., Liberty Village

2nd Thursdays—11 a.m., Fairway Canyon—Storytime

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