Upcoming Library Building Exterior Renovation

You may have noticed in recent years that the library’s exterior has been starting to look worn and damaged. I’m happy to announce that starting this June, the library will undergo a complete exterior renovation!

Why?
When the library was built in 1991, the incorporation of certain design features and new construction materials inadvertently led to ongoing problems with water infiltration and poor insulation. These problems, combined with normal wear and tear on the building, created a situation that is untenable. Last November, when pieces of the building’s exterior cladding began to fall off and the library closed for emergency repairs, it became apparent that urgent action was necessary.

What will be renovated?
Everything–exterior cladding, insulation, skylights, windows, roof, doors, and landscaping.

Why all at once?
Because one system of the building depends on the others, replacing one part without the others would cause repetition of work down the line. Also, doing one construction project rather than several allows certain costs (such as scaffolding and fencing) to be paid for once rather than multiple times.

How much will it cost?
Approximately $3.2 million.

How will the library pay for it?
The library has borrowed $2.75 million by issuing debt certificates, which means that the library is taking out a loan. The remainder will be paid from the library’s savings.

Will my property taxes go up?
Yes, but very slightly. Incrementally, over a period of three fiscal years (2019, 2020, and 2021), the library is adding a total of $350,000 to its annual levy for the purpose of paying off the borrowed money and saving for future capital needs. For a household that owns a property valued at $100,000, this is a tax increase of $16.33 per year.

How long will it take?
About one year. The renovation should be complete by July 2021.

Will library service be disrupted?
The library will have to close for approximately one week while scaffolding is installed both inside and outside the building. You will be directed to other libraries for service during this brief period. Otherwise, scaffolding and enclosures will protect library users, materials and equipment so that the library can continue to operate throughout the project. During construction, we will ask you to bear with the temporary inconveniences that such a project causes, knowing that there will be a great payoff—a building that is safe, watertight, and sustainable for many years to come!

In the coming months, please watch future newsletters for more specific details about what to expect when.

In the meantime, to ask questions or to share your thoughts, please do not hesitate to contact me or to attend a public meeting of our Board of Trustees, which occur on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm at the library.

Jennifer Cottrill, Library Director
FEBRUARY IS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Underground Railroad in Illinois
Thursday, February 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Dr. Larry McClellan will describe the Underground Railroad in Illinois with a special emphasis on the South Suburbs. Come and learn about this important history to the nation and the local area. Please register.

Special After-Hours Family Movie Event
The Wiz (1978, G)
Friday, February 28, 6:30 - 9 pm
Trying to save her dog from a storm, Harlem school teacher Dorothy (Diana Ross) is whisked away to Oz. Told that the Wiz (Richard Pryor), can help her get back home, Dorothy searches for him with the help of the Scarecrow (Michael Jackson), the Tin Man (Nipsey Russell) and the Cowardly Lion (Ted Ross). Please register.

Active & Connected
Every Thursday, 1 - 3 pm
This club is designed for individuals age 60+, but people of any age are welcome. Please register.

February 6, Chair Yoga, 1 - 2 pm
Come join yoga instructor Kathy Ruiter in a gentle chair yoga class designed for seniors. You may wish to bring a small, firm pillow for back support, but this isn’t required. Life is for JOY, so anticipate laughter as well!

February 13, Formatting Documents (Intro to Microsoft Word)
Techniques like centering, bullet points, and italics will be covered.

February 20, Conversation Café: “Technology – Its Benefits and Risks”
Rather than a debate, this will be dialogue that helps participants know the viewpoints of others. Refreshments will be provided.

February 27, Fall Prevention
Learn very simple precautionary measures to help reduce the risk of injury.

March 5, Chair Yoga, 1 - 2 pm

March 12, Lucky Trivia Contest

March 19, Conversation Café: “ Civility in Social Discourse.” Refreshments will be provided.

March 26, Using the Web to Get Stuff Done
Using a tutorial created by Goodwill Community Foundation Inc., you will learn how to use the web for daily activities like making purchases, getting directions, and using the National Do Not Call Registry.
All in Pieces Quilting Club
Fridays, February 7 & 21 and March 6 & 20, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
This club is open to quilters of all abilities. Please come and enjoy an afternoon of sewing.

Adult Book Discussion
Saturday, February 8, 10 am
Crazy Rich Asians by Kevin Kwan
Saturday, March 14, 10 am
Less People Know About Us by Axton Betz-Hamilton
Books available at the Checkout Desk. All are welcome.

Savvy Caregiver
Monday, March 2 - 30 & April 6, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
The Savvy Caregiver is a 6-week evidence-based training program presented by a certified instructor from AgeOptions. This program teaches those who care for anyone with Alzheimer’s disease or dementia the basic knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to handle the challenges of caregiving and addresses self-care issues. Registration is required by February 21 because without a minimum number of participants, the class will be cancelled.

Your Best Garage Sale Yet!
Thursday, March 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Get ready for M.A.R.S. Days (Midlothian village-wide garage sale)! This presentation will outline the best tips for making your garage sale successful. Learn how to price items, encourage crowds to come, and get customers to make a purchase. Please register.

New Adult Programs

NEW IN 2020

Watch & Discuss

SPECIAL AFTER-HOURS EVENT:
Friday, February 28, 6:30 - 9 pm, The Wiz (1978, G)
Friday, March 27, 10 am, Downton Abbey (2019, PG)
Have you ever watched a movie and wanted to talk about it? Starting in 2020, we will do just that. All are welcome. Please register.

Craft Classes

I Love Books
Thursday, February 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Express your love for books and reading with this paper folding craft. Please register.

Journals
Thursday, March 26, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Make your one-of-a-kind journal from old, recycled books! Please register.

Technology Classes

Resume Formatting (Spanish Bilingual)
Monday, February 10, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Learn how to format your resume in Microsoft Word. Techniques like centering, bullet points and italics will be covered. Please register.

eBooks & eMedia (Spanish Bilingual)
Mondays, February 24 & March 30, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
The winter weather is horrible! Would you like to use the library without leaving your home? Learn how to access FREE electronic library materials using your Midlothian library card from home. Please register.

Using the Web to Get Stuff Done (Spanish Bilingual)
Monday, March 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Using a tutorial created by Goodwill Community Foundation Inc., you will learn how to use the web for daily activities like making purchases, getting directions, and using the National Do Not Call Registry. Please register.

Relax & Read Winter Reading for Adults
January 4 - February 29
Anyone over the age of 18.
Register on the library’s website or call the Help Desk

New Adult Events
These programs are designed for people over 18 and under 30, but people of any age are welcome.

Un-Love Trivia Contest
Special After Hours Event
Friday, February 14, 6 - 8 pm
Valentine’s Day getting you down? Had enough of cupid and hearts? Come to this evening where the emphasis will definitely be a little more jaded. This after-hours BYOB trivia event is for those 21 and over. Bring your beverage of choice, trivia knowledge, and friends. IDs will be checked. Snacks and prizes provided. Please register your team.

Lucky Trivia (Spanish Bilingual)
Thursday, March 12, 6 - 7:30 pm
Prizes and snacks provided. Please register your team.
Programs For Children

Registration required for weekly programs. Registration can be done in person at the Help Desk, over the phone, or online at www.midlothianlibrary.org.

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**Storytimes**

**Toddler Arts and Crafts**
Mondays, February 3 - 10 & March 2 - 30, 10 - 10:45 am  
*Best for ages 2+.* Glue, paint, and create with your little one! Registration required; limit 20 children.

**Play, Baby, Play**
Tuesdays, February 4 - 11 & March 3 - April 7, -OR- Thursdays, February 6 - 13 & March 5 - April 9, 10 - 10:45 am  
*Best for ages 0-5.* An interactive storytime filled with books, songs, and dancing! Registration required; limit 20 children. Please choose only Tuesdays OR Thursdays.

**Family Fun Storytime (Spanish Bilingual)**
Tuesdays, February 11 & 25 and March 10 & 24, 6 - 6:45 pm  
*For families with kids of all ages—both English and Spanish-speaking.* Don’t miss our super-special bilingual storytime! Read, sing, make crafts, and eat a multicultural snack with Miss Adriana. Registration required; limit 20 children.

**Signs & Stories**
Friday, February 14 & March 13, 10 - 10:30 am  
*Best for ages 0-5.* Learn baby sign language in a special storytime with books and songs with signs. Registration required.

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**Groundhog Hunt**
Saturday, February 1, All Day  
In honor of Groundhog Day, find all our hidden library groundhogs! Find them all to get candy and a raffle ticket for a prize.

**Music & Movement**
Fridays, February 7 & 21 and March 6 & 20, 10:30 - 11 am  
*Best for ages 0-5 years.* Get your groove on with songs, dances, and instruments! Learn and bond through music and movement. Registration required.

**I Spy! Book Party**
Wednesday, February 12, 4 - 4:45 pm  
*Best for grades K-2.* Join us as we celebrate the I Spy! books and partake in a I Spy! themed party with crafts and snacks. Registration required.

**Homeschool Club**
Fridays, February 14 & March 13, 1 - 1:45 pm  
*Best for ages 6+.* Homeschoolers unite for fun, interactive, educational, and social programs! Registration required.

**Read to Rover**
Mondays, February 17 & March 16, 6 - 7:30 pm  
*Best for grades K-5.* Practice your reading skills by reading to a therapy dog! Bring a book you are working on or read a book from the library. Register for a 15 minute session.

**Mardi Gras Celebration**
Saturday, February 22, 11 am - 12:30 pm  
For the whole family! Come in to make a colorful Mardi Gras mask and eat delicious traditional king cake. Laissez Les Bons Temps Rouler! Registration required.

**Dr. Seuss Book Party**
Wednesday, March 11, 4 - 4:45 pm  
*Best for grades K-2.* Join us as we celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday and partake in a Dr. Seuss themed party with crafts and snacks. Registration required.

**Leprechaun Scavenger Hunt**
Tuesday, March 17, All Day  
Uh oh, a leprechaun has entered the library overnight and decided to cause some mischief-making! Please help us find clues that will lead us to the leprechaun hiding his treasure in the library.

**National Crayon Day Celebration**
Saturday, March 28, 11 - 11:45 am  
Take part in celebrating the wonders of crayons by joining our program. We'll read some of our favorite books about crayons, up-cycle old and broken crayons to make new ones, and do some fun coloring at our library. Please register.
Tween
For grades 3 - 6 unless otherwise noted.

Reading Makes Cents
Tuesdays, February 4 - March 10, 4 - 5 pm
For ages 8 - 18. This 6-week financial literacy program is provided by 4-H. Books and activities explore ideas and strategies that help children learn how to earn, save, share, and spend money. All materials provided! Registration required.

STEAM Club
Mondays, February 10 & 24 and March 9 & 23, 4 - 5 pm
Best for grades 3-6. Get your thinking caps on or flex your creative side as we do fascinating science experiments and create art! Limited space. Registration required for each individual session.

February 10: Make a Catapult
February 24: Canvas Painting Project
March 9: Pot o’ Gold Slime
March 23: Candy DNA

Kids in the Kitchen
Wednesdays, February 19 & March 18, 3:45 - 4:45 pm
Best for grades 3-8. Kids will learn fundamental cooking skills and become chefs while making delicious foods with hands on learning! Limited space. Registration required.

Game Changers Coding Club
Saturdays, February 8 & March 14, 1 - 3pm
Best for ages 8-14. Coding allows youth to expand their mindsets. This program provided by 4-H teaches youth how to use computer science to create games, solve problems and engage with topics they’re passionate about. No experience is necessary.

Teens
For grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.

RPG Club
Tuesdays, February 4 & 18 and March 3, 17 & 31, 4:30 - 5:30 pm
Create a character from Dungeons and Dragons 5th Edition and join our quest in defeating evil or build a character to steal the most sweet rolls.

Fan Fiction Writing Club
Tuesdays, February 4 & March 3, 6 - 7 pm
Join us and write the further adventures of your favorite fiction characters! No experience necessary. Please bring paper and pen.

Game Night Wednesdays February 5, 12 & 19 and March 4, 11 & 18, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Play games on Nintendo Switch and PS4.

Teen Treats
Fridays, February 14 & March 13, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Create art with food. Registration required; limit 20 participants.
February: Campfire Cookies
March: Pot of Gold Pretzels

Design a Mardi Gras Mask
Monday, February 24, 5:30 pm
Create your own spectacular masquerade mask to celebrate Mardi Gras like they do in New Orleans.

Pizza Party Tournament
Wednesdays, February 26 & March 25, 5:30 - 7:30 pm
Participate in our monthly Super Smash Brothers tournament. Pizza will be served and prizes will be awarded to the top players. Registration required; limit 50 participants. Participants must be on time and registered to be added to the tournament.

After-Hours Laser Tag
Friday, March 27, 6 - 9 pm
Registration and completed permission slip required; limit 25 participants.

Table Top Game Day
Saturdays, February 15 & March 21, 11 am - 2 pm
Join us for lunch and games! We will supply board games, starter decks for YuGIOh, Pokémon, and Magic: The Gathering. There will also be a table with D&D material for a quick One Shot Adventure!

Teen Volunteers Needed!
If you are looking for services hours, please stop in at our Help Desk and ask for a Volunteer Form. All volunteers under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian sign a service agreement. See the Help Desk for more details.
Friends of the Library Meeting

Thursday, February 6, 6 - 8 pm
Thursday, March 5, 6 - 8 pm
All are welcome!

Book Sale
Saturday, February 8, 9 am - 3 pm
February is a short month, but there is still plenty of time to stock up on books at our sale. There is something for everyone. Come take a look.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
The Friends of the Library is a volunteer organization dedicated to raising support for the Library. The Board is looking for community members who would be interested in taking an active role in the organization. The next election will be in April 2020 for the 2020-2021 year.

Do you have time to help with this worthwhile organization?

Duties of Board are:

**President:** Preside over the Friends meetings once a month (no meetings in July and August), prepare a meeting agenda, and appoints all committees.

**Vice-President:** Presides over meetings in absence of President and assists the President.

**Secretary:** Takes minutes at the Board meetings, and prepare them for the following meeting. Sends reminder e-mails for meetings and events to the membership.

**Treasurer:** Collects money from all fundraisers. Writes checks for supplies, events, and other purchases for the Friends. Prepares Excel reports for monthly meetings and for the annual audit.

Please donate an hour or two once a month to help the Friends continue to serve our library. Interested?

Contact: Joanna Whitten (708) 388-6382 or Joyce Holste (708) 535-1279
Reminder: Membership in the Friends of the Library will be due for renewal in April 2020!

**Coming Soon: Census 2020**

What is the Census? Why is it important?

Every 10 years, the US Census counts every person living in the United States. This count determines the distribution of federal funds to states and local communities as well as communities’ representation in the US Congress and state and local government.

How will the 2020 Census Work?

Beginning on March 12, every household will receive a postcard by mail instructing them to fill out the US Census online. Households will later receive several mailings asking them to respond online or by mail. Then, beginning in May, Census Bureau staff will visit households that have not yet responded to collect responses in person.

How can the library help you complete the Census?

From March 12 through the end of the Census period, Midlothian Public Library will offer FREE COMPUTER GUEST PASSES to anyone who needs to complete the Census (no library card required). Just come to the Checkout Desk and ask for a Census guest pass. If you need staff assistance in using the computer to complete the Census, please ask at the Help Desk!
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Census 2020
Empezando el 12 de Marzo hasta el final del período del Census, la Biblioteca Pública de Midlothian ofrecerá PASES DE COMPUTADORA GRATIS a cualquier persona que necesite completar el Census (no se requiere tarjeta de la biblioteca). Simplemente vaya a la recepción y solicite un pase de computadora para el Census. Si necesita ayuda del personal sobre cómo usar la computadora para completar el Census, ¡Pregunte al Servicio de Asistencia!

Para Adultos (Bilingüe)
eBooks y eMedia
Los lunes, 24 de febrero y 30 de marzo, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
¡El clima invernal es horrible! ¿Le gustaría usar la biblioteca sin salir de su casa? Aprenda cómo acceder a los materiales de la biblioteca electrónica GRATUITA usando su tarjeta de la biblioteca Midlothian desde su hogar. Por favor regístrese.

Formato del Currículum Vitae (Introducción a MS Word)
Lunes, 10 de febrero, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Formato del currículum vitae (Introducción a MS Word)
Aprenda cómo formatear su currículum vitae en Microsoft Word. Se cubrirán técnicas como las viñetas, la cursiva, y cómo centrar. Por favor regístrese.

Uso de la Web Para Hacer Cosas
Lunes, 9 de marzo, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Usando un tutorial creado por Goodwill Community Foundation Inc., aprenderás cómo usar la web para actividades diarias como hacer compras, obtener instrucciones y usar el Registro Nacional de No Llamar. Por favor regístrese.

Me Encantan los Libros
Jueves, 27 de febrero, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Expresa su amor por los libros y la lectura con esta manualidad de papel. Por favor regístrese.

Diarios
Jueves, 26 de marzo, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
¡Haga su diario único de libros viejos y reciclados! Por favor regístrese.

Para los niños (Bilingüe)
Cuentos Divertidos para la Familia
Los martes, 11 y 25 de febrero, 10 y 24 de marzo, 6 - 6:45 pm
Para las familias con niños de todas las edades que hablan español o inglés. ¡No te pierdas nuestro súper-especial tiempo de cuento bilingüe! ¡Ven a leer, a cantar, hacer manualidades, y a comer una botana multicultural con la Señorita Adriana!

Para los niños mayores (en inglés)
STEAM Club
Los lunes, 10 y 24 de febrero y del al 23 de marzo, 4 - 5 pm
Mejor para los grados 3-6. ¡Ponte tu gorra de imaginación para hacer experimentos científicos y crear arte! Espacio es limitado. Se requiere registro para cada sesión individual.

Para los adolescentes (en inglés)
Golosinas para adolescentes
Viernes, 14 de febrero y 13 de marzo, 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Crea arte con comida. Por favor regístrese ya que el límite es de 20 participantes.

Para las familias (en inglés)
Michael Damani Millenial Blues Band
Lunes, 3 de febrero, 7 - 8 pm
¡Ven a escuchar una de las bandas de blues de Chicago más importantes (y más jóvenes)! Todos los miembros son menores de 30 años. Rinden homenaje a la rica cultura del blues con pasión y dedicación. Michael Damani es el miembro más joven del Original Chicago Blues All-Stars.