



**Wilsonville Public Library
Monthly Report to Council
April 2018**

Library Renovation Update

Substantial completion of the library renovation project is now scheduled for June 20th. Carpet has arrived and the project is progressing.

The Children's area, Fiction and the new Young Adult area are complete.

The carpet in Children's is a vibrant blue and matches well with the other interior colors and wood shelves. The door to the patio remains un-started. The door itself should arrive in a few weeks. The Youth Services staff did a small bit of re-arranging in the room, opening up the space behind the service desk. This has allowed an expansion of the imaginative play area, much to the delight of children and parents. This expands the role of the library as destination for these families, while encouraging imaginative play. Imaginative play is increasingly seen as an important element of a child's development.

The Young Adult area has moved to the northwest corner of the building, behind the Fiction area. This has allowed a doubling of the space for teens, as well as getting the area out of a thoroughfare. We will be looking for ways to make this space a more inviting area as we move forward. For now though, the furniture that was donated to teens by Fred Meyer a few years ago, as well as the diner booth, have moved.

Construction has moved over to the east side of the building, and pace is quickening. The bathrooms near the nonfiction area have been demolished, and are beginning their transformation to modern, ADA accessible facilities. Carpet and paint are going in around the old Young Adult area and the north end of the nonfiction stacks. The old Young Adult area will house the DVD collection when complete, while nonfiction will largely remain.

By the May Council Report, all of nonfiction will be done and the collection will have returned to the shelves. Work will be progressing in the staff areas and HVAC work in the Oak and Rose Rooms will be started.

Project Summary:

Construction will touch just about every square inch of the library and should be complete by the end of June. Notable elements of the renovation include new carpet and paint throughout the Library, replacing the heating units in the 'old' part of the library (these units were originally installed in 1988 when the original building was constructed), remodeling bathrooms by the non-fiction collection to make them ADA accessible, and replacing the Library's Adult and Children's Reference desks as well as the Circulation desk to reduce their overall footprint and open the central core of the Library.

Celebrate National Library with Food for Fines

During the week of April 8th through 14th, the library offered \$1 off a non-perishable food item to pay library fines. This is an annual event that allows library users to use unused (mostly) canned food in lieu of cash. All food is delivered to the Wilsonville Food Bank.

The next Library Board meeting will be March 25th at 6:30pm at the Library.