



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

Library Renovation Update

Substantial completion of the library renovation project is now scheduled for June 28th. Progress has been delayed due to a delay in the delivery of the new carpet.

Currently, the Children's area remains closed and the Fiction stacks have been emptied. Both collections have been moved to the non-fiction stacks and remain available. In order to keep construction crews on schedule as much as possible, library staff and the contractor have been working together to identify areas that can be worked on without unduly disturbing the library environment. These have included, demolishing the Heritage desk and part of the Circulation desk, removing the windows of the Adult Services office, and preparing the Fiction area for work. Contractors will begin remodeling the wall opposite from the circulation desk this week.

Additional costs related to unexpected conditions or other changes is thus far minimal, but there is much work yet to be done.

Many elements of the project were removed after construction bids came in higher than expected, including a door from the Walt Morey Children's Room to the children's patio on the West side of the library building. That door has now been restored to the project using savings resulting from the library having to reduce collection purchases and processing during the renovation.

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.

Library use generally down during construction

Not surprisingly, library checkouts and programming attendance is down during construction.

Overall, physical item circulation in February is down 13% from last year. Children's nonfiction circulation is down 36% and CD music circulation is down 37%. Circulation of adult nonfiction is more surprising, however. As you may remember, we boxed that collection in late January and except for a small collection of items that were checked out when the collection is boxed, it sits in the library's Oak Room. Circulation of adult nonfiction is down only 22%. How can that be you might wonder? So do we. Once the renovation is behind us, we'll be taking a look.

You may well know that the library has taken its programming on the road during construction. We are doing Storytime and other kids programming in Council Chambers, and utilizing the Community Center and other locations for adult programs. Across the board, attendance is down at both adult and children's programs. Storytime attendance is down by nearly half, and Booknotes by over half.

The next Library Board meeting will be March 28th at 6:30pm at the Library.