

Racine Public Library Information Release

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LIBRARY TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT SERVICES BEGINNING SEPT 1

Racine - The Racine Public Library, 75 Seventh St, will be closed to the public on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, and will reopen on Thursday, September 2, 2010 with limited services to patrons. The library is conducting a reorganization of materials and services to prepare for extensive re-carpeting and renovation work being started on the second floor. The second floor will be unavailable to the public for approximately twelve weeks beginning Thursday, September 2, 2010, resulting in limited access to materials. The Mobile Library will remain open on Sept 1 and materials due on that date will be extended to Sept. 2. For a schedule of the Mobile Library's neighborhood stops call the bus at 262.939.2264, the main library at 262.636.9217, or visit the library's website at racinelibrary.info.

Public use of Internet terminals and study areas will be severely limited during the second floor renovations. The library will provide eight one-hour computers for adult Internet use in the first floor atrium. Available study areas will be limited to tables in the Youth Services Dept. on the first floor. After 2pm, however, children will be given priority access.

Browsing of the library's second floor adult materials will be prohibited during this renovation period. To access the library's adult materials, patrons will be asked to place a hold on items via the Mobile Library (262.939.2264), the library's website (racinelibrary.info), or through telephone reference services (262.636.9217). Some items placed on hold may not be accessible during renovations. Materials in the Youth Services Dept. will still be available for public use.

Absolute Construction Enterprises will be overseeing removal and replacement of the old carpet. Balestreiri Group will be conducting the abatement of asbestos beneath the carpet. Hallett Movers, specializing in library moves, will be performing the moving of shelves and materials. Embury, Ltd. will be installing any necessary new shelving.

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