



Dear Marlborough Community,

Happy September!

We had some great news the other day about some of the final touches being completed on the new library. The terracotta pieces that we had to have custom-made in order to repair the façade on the front of the Carnegie Building arrived earlier than expected. This means that the front pediment will be completed ahead of schedule! In addition, the Palladian window that was revealed when the old addition was removed from the historical Carnegie is in the final stages of reconstruction, and is also on track to be finished earlier than originally anticipated. Speaking of the Carnegie Building, be sure to attend our virtual program on September 12th, featuring the history of our benefactor, Andrew Carnegie, and his legacy referred to as the “Carnegie Libraries.” Sign up for this timely program using the link in the newsletter, or through the library’s [event calendar](#).

As you all know, we recently closed the temporary library at the Walker Building. This was a major milestone. We spent 2 ½ years there! A library-specific moving company moved our collection of just over 78,000 items. This was neither quick nor easy, but we’ve officially returned all of our materials to 35 West Main Street!

After all this time, you may be asking yourself, “what could there possibly be left to do before opening?”... Plenty! Most importantly, we need to complete the installation of our extensive technology infrastructure. Getting our phone system and Wi-Fi installed, public computers up and running, new self-checkout stations, staff workstations, and all the other new and exciting public technology is a time-consuming process. As for library staff, we want to make sure we have new and exciting books and other materials cataloged, processed, and ready for checkout upon opening; we need to have directional and shelf signage in place so you can locate books and other material easily; we need to complete a meticulous process known as “shelf-reading” to ensure that every single item is exactly where it is supposed to be; we want to have attractive displays ready to greet you; we want to have a slate of fun programming planned for the fall and beyond. Finally, we need to make sure library staff are fully trained on all the new things in the building so we’re ready to help you use it all! As always, I appreciate everyone’s patience with this process. I know you’re eagerly awaiting opening day plans, and I am happy to say that we will be sharing this information very soon!

Warm Regards,

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