



**Dear Marlborough Community,**

Wow, what a June we've had! I'm pleased to say that all of this rain has not slowed down progress on the new library.

Over the past month quite a lot of work was done on the courtyard, and in prepping the parking lot. Proper protection has been put in place to allow for outside work to continue if it's raining, and we've been able to reschedule work if needed. While all that exterior work was being done, the interior work has been speeding along. It's amazing how quickly carpet can be installed! We have a very beautiful carpet design all throughout the building, and the installers who did this work were excellent.

We're heading into the final stretch, with the first half of our shelving delivered on June 28th. Installing an entire library's worth of shelving is no small feat, taking upwards of 3 weeks to complete! While the shelving is being installed, we're also having the new furniture delivered, including the restored and reupholstered armchairs from the old library. Then it's time for the IT department to come in and do their work installing all the new computers and other technology. Finally, the books will be moved and put into place by a professional library moving company.

We will close the temporary library in the Walker Building to move the materials and ourselves. We'll also spend some time training the library staff on use of the new building and its technology, planning programs, creating displays, and making the new library a welcoming place. During this time, many library services will be unavailable. I don't yet know when the big move will happen, but I plan to give as much notice as possible. Please keep your eyes out for more emails, social media posts, and other communication from the library that will outline when the closure will begin, and when the grand opening will be!

**Warm Regards,**

**Sara Belisle**

Director of the Marlborough Public Library

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