

Dear Marlborough Community,

The time has finally come! Tomorrow is opening day, and I can't wait to see you there. This past month we've been running around in order to complete as much setup as we can before opening day. Library staff and I have personally moved and arranged (and many times, rearranged!) everything from chairs and tables, to shelves and books, all to make sure the library looks as close to perfect as possible.

As you drive by the library on Main Street, you've likely noticed that the staging has been relocated from the side of the Carnegie building to the front. Our skilled masons completed their work on the beautiful new east-side Carnegie window, and now they're hard at work on the front pediment. Because the new terracotta detail for this project arrived earlier than expected, this stage of the project is on track to be finished ahead of schedule. If the weather cooperates, landscaping will be installed on this side of the building as soon as the masons are done. Shortly after the work on the Carnegie Building exteriors is completed, we'll finally be able to install the beautiful new mahogany doors! Laws related to ADA compliance require that this Main Street-facing door be "emergency" exit only," so please use our new public entrance-points on the Witherbee Street-side of the building.

Now that the final window is completed, interior work on that last, remaining room is going forward, full steam ahead! This space in the Carnegie Building will be our new Local History Room, and we're looking forward to finishing and opening it to the public soon!

In the meantime, as of Monday October 2, 2023, the newly-expanded and renovated library is open for business, so please come in and enjoy!

Warm Regards,

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