



Berkeley Heights Public Library

Announcement from the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees would like to provide a further update regarding the temporary physical location of our Berkeley Heights Public Library (Library) during the construction of the Municipal Redevelopment Complex.

As we indicated previously, the Library has been in discussion with the Township for months regarding moving the Library from its current location on Plainfield Avenue to a temporary location in what is currently the Little Flower Church Rectory located at 110 Roosevelt Avenue just a few blocks away.

These discussions with the Township to reach a formal, written agreement have just concluded.

As a result, we are planning that the Berkeley Heights Public Library will be closing the doors at 290 Plainfield Avenue on Monday, December 4th at 9:00 pm. On Tuesday, December 5th, the Library will start the steps necessary for a move to 110 Roosevelt Avenue. This will become the Library's temporary home as the Township takes ownership of that property and plans for the new Municipal Complex are finalized and construction begins.

There is considerable work to be managed and completed in order to make the property at 110 Roosevelt Avenue suitable and safe for use as a public library building (construction, permits, approvals, moving library property, moving and reconstructing network and Wi-Fi access, etc.).

Maintaining electronic resources is a priority. These will continue to be available following the physical closing of 290 Plainfield Avenue. There will be a brief shutdown later in the month as we move the network components to our temporary home.

At this time, we cannot anticipate the date when the Library will open for business at 110 Roosevelt Avenue. Every attempt will be made to keep the closing to a minimum.

Also know that our neighboring public libraries (New Providence, Summit and Long Hill) know of our transition and are willing to provide services to our patrons. Check for a list of all of the libraries participating in reciprocal borrowing agreements with Berkeley Heights.

This is an exciting time and we look forward to our future home in the new Municipal Complex.

Thank you for your continued support of our Library and please do not hesitate to reach out to us or our Director, Stephanie Bakos, with any questions. (11/28/2017)