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MERRIWEATHER LIBRARY WILL RE-OPEN ON MONDAY AT NOON *LIBRARY THANKS PATRONS FOR THEIR PATIENCE*

The Buffalo & Erie County Public Library is pleased to announce that the **Frank E. Merriweather Jr. Library Branch**, located at 1324 Jefferson Avenue in Buffalo will re-open on Monday at 12 noon. Refreshments will be provided.

The popular neighborhood library branch has been closed since July 10 after being struck by a car which damaged the building's exterior stonewall and disabled the ventilation and air conditioning systems. Because of Buffalo's extremely high outdoor temperatures coupled with the library's large glass dome ceiling, the building was deemed too hot to open for library use.

"Merriweather is a beloved library and we appreciate the patience from patrons and staff during this temporary closure," said Mary Jean Jakubowski, director of the Library System. "I commend the City of Buffalo, owners of the Merriweather building and the Department of Public Works which did a tremendous job quickly turning around the repair process."

Some repairs have been made to the air handling equipment; however, the complete ventilation system will not be fully functional for several more months.

The Library anticipates remaining open regular hours for the remainder of the summer:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: 12p.m. - 8p.m.

Thursday: 3p.m. - 8p.m.

Friday & Saturday: 10a.m. - 6p.m.

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