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CRANE BRANCH LIBRARY TEMPORARILY CLOSING FOR PHASE 2 MAJOR CONSTRUCTION IMPROVEMENTS

\$2.2 Million Project Set to Begin

Beginning Monday, August 15, Buffalo's Crane Branch Library, 633 Elmwood Avenue at Highland Avenue, will be closed for Phase 2 interior and exterior improvements. The project includes new flooring, walls, lighting, electric, furnishings and second floor community/meeting room renovations. The anticipated building reopening date is in June 2023.

To provide library services to the Elmwood Village neighborhood and community, there will be expanded open hours at the North Park Branch Library, 975 Hertel Avenue in Buffalo between Elmwood Avenue and Delaware Avenue. Bookmobile services will be also be available weekly along Bidwell Parkway less than a mile north of the Crane Branch. Specific dates and times will be updated regularly and can be found on the Library System website at: <https://tinyurl.com/BfloBookMobile>.

"Modernizing our facilities is a priority," said Library Director John Spears. "The Crane Branch originally opened in 1955. These updates will not only make the building more accessible, it will provide better use of the public space with new enhanced reading areas, study rooms, modern furnishings, lighting and equipment."

Phase 2 project expenses are \$2.2 million with funding from New York State Aid for Library Construction, the City of Buffalo and the Buffalo & Erie County Public Library.

Phase 1 construction, which began in 2021 and ended earlier this spring, included a new accessible entryway, elevator and restroom. For updates on the project and Buffalo & Erie County Public Libraries, call 716-858-8900 or visit the website at <https://www.buffalolib.org>.

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