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**Westchester Public Library Announces Renovation Plans to Modernize Facilities**

Westchester, IL – February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – The Westchester Public Library is excited to announce upcoming renovations aimed at modernizing our facilities for the benefit of our community. Beginning in March, the library will undergo a series of improvements, including asbestos abatement, re-carpeting, painting, and department-specific renovations.

As part of our commitment to safety and compliance, asbestos abatement will take place on the main floor and in the Youth Department. The abatement process on the main floor will occur after hours from March 9th to March 10th. The abatement process for the Youth Department will occur during operating hours on March 11th to March 15th. During this time, access to the Youth Department will only be available via the elevator, as we will be sealing off certain areas of the building to ensure the safety of our patrons and staff.

Despite the ongoing renovations, The Westchester Public Library will remain open and accessible to the public. We understand the importance of access to library resources and services, which is why we will also be offering curbside pickup for library books as requested throughout the renovation period. Patrons may experience some limitations in browsing certain sections of the library, as shelves may need to be moved, but our staff will be on hand to assist with retrieving books and other materials.

The project timeline includes renovations in the Youth Department from March 20th to June 1st, followed by renovations in the Adult Department from June 1st to August 15th. Finally, the Community Room will undergo renovations from August 15th to September 15th.

"We appreciate the patience and understanding of our community as we work to modernize our library facilities," said the Library Board of Trustees. "These renovations will enhance the library experience for our patrons and ensure that the Westchester Public Library remains a valuable resource for our community."

Throughout the renovation process, updates and announcements will be posted on our website and social media channels to keep patrons informed of any changes or disruptions to library services. Thank you for your support as we work to improve the Westchester Public Library.

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