

After years of careful planning and preparation, the construction phase of the Melrose Public Library renovation project is finally here. For the duration of the construction phase of the project... ***we're moving***



FAQs: Melrose Public Library Temporary Re-Location

WHERE WILL THE LIBRARY BE LOCATED DURING CONSTRUCTION?

During construction, the library will be located on the first floor of the Beebe School at 263 W. Foster Street.

WHEN WILL THE LIBRARY MOVE?

The library will close our West Emerson Street building at 5 p.m. on August 12th. Library staff will take time to supervise the move and set up the new temporary space. The library will re-open to patrons at the Beebe School on or about September 13th.

WHAT PORTION OF THE LIBRARY COLLECTION, SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING WILL BE AVAILABLE WHILE THE LIBRARY IS IN ITS TEMPORARY QUARTERS AT THE BEEBE SCHOOL BUILDING?

The library will be taking the entirety of its collection to the Beebe. New releases will continue to be made available to the public in a browsing collection. Library staff will have access to the balance of the collection in closed stacks and will pull titles upon request. A limited number of computers will be set up for patron use. Museum passes will continue to be available. The digital library collection including newspapers, ebooks, audiobooks, movies, music, research databases, and more, is available 24/7. The library will offer as much programming for all ages as possible while in the temporary location; look for specific offerings listed on the library website at www.melrosepubliclibrary.org.

WILL HOLD REQUESTS AND BORROWING THROUGH THE NOBLE NETWORK CONTINUE TO BE AVAILABLE DURING THE MOVE?

After August 1st, hold requests placed for pick up at Melrose Public Library will be suspended until we re-open at the Beebe. Patrons with existing holds will not lose their place in the queue. Library patrons are encouraged to visit and utilize other NOBLE network libraries to request and borrow materials while we are transitioning between buildings.

WILL PATRONS BE ABLE TO RETURN MATERIALS TO THE LIBRARY AT ITS TEMPORARY LOCATION IN THE BEEBE?

We ask that you hold your returns until we are up and running at our new location. Patrons will be able to return materials to the library both in-person (during library hours) and via the book drop, which will be set up outside the Beebe School building, once we re-open.

HOW LONG WILL THE LIBRARY BE LOCATED IN THE BEEBE SCHOOL?

The library will remain at the Beebe until construction is complete. Construction is expected to begin in October, 2022, with the renovated library ready to re-open in the Spring of 2024.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY RENOVATION PROJECT?

For more information about the renovation project and our move to the Beebe, please visit the library website at www.melrosepubliclibrary.org or visit the City's website at www.cityofmelrose.org/public-library.