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## EVPL McCollough to Reopen Wednesday

**Evansville**– Extensive renovation work at EVPL McCollough has been completed, and the library will reopen to the community this Wednesday, June 5 at 9 a.m. EVPL McCollough has been closed for the past ten months as the library has been updated to meet the growing and evolving needs of library users.

“Libraries adapt to the needs of the communities they serve. The feedback we received when we completed the Facilities Master Plan and the Strategic Plan, combined with our library usage data, has helped us to create an EVPL McCollough that will serve multiple generations of users,” said Heather O’Grady, COO, EVPL. “We know McCollough holds a special place in many people’s hearts as either the library they grew up attending or the library they currently use. We invite everyone to come experience their library and make new memories.”

The renovations at EVPL McCollough have changed the floor plan, creating new and updated spaces for all ages and needs. The children’s area has been relocated and expanded, and an activity room has been added. The library’s meeting room has been moved to the front of the building and includes more flexible configuration and technology options. EVPL McCollough also has a new sensory room and four new small group meeting spaces, all of which will be able to be reserved online or in person by patrons. Overall, the building also features new furniture, finishes, and more sustainable lighting and HVAC systems.

Since the library’s closure last July, library patrons have been able to access library services at a temporary location inside Washington Square Mall. That temporary location closed on May 18, and staff from throughout EVPL have been preparing EVPL McCollough for reopening.

“EVPL McCollough originally opened in 1965, and because of its age and high use, it has received the first of several planned upgrades as part of our Master Facilities Plan,” said Scott Kinney, CEO, EVPL. “We eagerly anticipate future projects that will help us further support and serve all people in equitable spaces throughout our community.”

The EVPL McCollough project cost was \$4 million and was funded by a bond issuance approved by the EVPL Library Board and Evansville City Council in 2022; this bond issuance kept the library’s debt service tax rate neutral.

A special reopening celebration event for EVPL McCollough is being planned in July.

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