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Rock Island Main Library to Undergo Makeover in September

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The [Rock Island Public Library](#) in downtown Rock Island will undergo a much-needed cosmetic makeover this September. The work on the first floor and in the Children's Room includes a fresh coat of paint, new carpeting, new work desks and a new resource room on the ground floor. The project is the first significant renovation activity at the Main Library since 1986, when the addition was built.



As a result of the redecoration and construction, **the Main Library will be closed from Saturday, September 2 through September 30.**

"Closing for the month will allow us to complete the work in the shortest time possible, and protect the safety of our patrons as well," says Ava Ketter, Library Director. She added that closing also keeps the project as cost-effective as possible, as it allows workers to stage projects in several areas at once.

Funded by multi-year pledges to the Rock Island Public Library, the interior redecoration is the third stage of the Vision 2000 campaign. Previous projects in 1999 and 2000 significantly expanded and remodeled the 30/31 and Southwest Branches. Paragon Commercial Interiors Inc., Davenport, is the lead designer on the project.

While the Main Library is closed, patrons can return materials to the outside book drop on 4th Avenue, to the 30/31 or Southwest Branch Libraries, or to any other library in the Quad-LINC library system. Patrons should return DVDs or videos in person, as these materials should not be left in the book drop. The renovation also requires the cancellation of all previously announced activities for September at the Main Library, including the independent movie, the Friends of the Library meeting, Alpha Book Club meeting and the September art show. The September 18 and 19 Hug-A-Book programs will be held at the Community Room at the Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Road.

The Rock Island 30/31 Branch Library, 3059 30th Street, and Southwest Branch, 9010 Ridgewood Road, will remain open to serve patrons during September. To contact the Rock Island Library from September 5 to 30, please call (309) 732-7369 or (309) 732-7338. For other updates, check the library's Web site at www.ripl.lib.il.us