

# Headlines



## DOWNTOWN LIBRARY REOPENS WITH BRAND NEW LOOK

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After nearly a month of being closed for interior renovations, the Rock Island Main Library, 401 19th Street, reopened for business on Monday, October 2. The first floor and ground floor interior now feature a brand new



multi-color scheme in shades of burgundy, blue, green, soft cream and tan, as well as new carpeting, new public service desks for reference, circulation and the Children Departments and a new research lab for patrons who need more time for online research, job hunting or other time-intensive computer tasks. The new lab is available by appointment only.

Among other changes, the library's public Internet terminals are now more conveniently placed in their own desks next to the reference desk. Terminals for the Quad-LINC online library catalog are also now more conveniently located closer to the new fiction and non-fiction bookshelves, along with two word-processor terminals for public use. The changes create a quiet zone for reading and browsing on one side of the first floor with busier tasks on the opposite side. On the ground floor, the Children's Room was completely refreshed as well.

Some furniture has yet to arrive, but all should be in place by the time the library celebrates its brand new look with a community open house on Wednesday, October 25.

The children's room portion of the project was funded through a \$50,000 donation from the Rock Island Public Library Foundation, with the remaining \$150,000 funded through private and corporate donations to the Vision 2000 building improvement campaign. The Main Library only was closed to the public from Sept. 5 through Sept. 30 to accommodate the renovations. Both the 30/31 and Southwest Branches remained open to serve the public.

Operating hours at the Rock Island Main Library are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday.