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# EAST MEADOW PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR PATRONS,

We want to thank you for showing your support by passing the 2017-2018 Budget. Of course, we are thrilled that the bond issue to renovate and expand the Library was overwhelmingly approved by you.

It is a pleasure to experience your enthusiasm toward the renovations. Even though you don't see much going on, believe me, things are moving behind the scenes. Plans are being finalized. The surveying of the Library's plot, soil samples, and foundation inspection are all under way. These are some of the mundane things that must be done before anything visible can actually happen.

It's not exciting – hurry up and wait is the name of the game. There are a number of things we need to do before you ever see construction equipment on this site. First the Board and the architect must finalize the plans. Then we need permits, although unlike the homeowner who goes to the town or city in which one resides, public libraries, like schools, need to submit their plans to the New York State Education Department. NYSED has a Facilities Planning department. Facilities Planning employs various experts in their fields: architects, engineers, etc. They will review our plans to ensure the staff and public's safety. They might have some questions for us and our architectural firm on items which may have to be worked out. The approval process alone can take from 9 to 12 months.

Once the plans are approved, then we go out to bid, meaning that the Library will solicit bids on the work to be done as specified in NYS law. Going out to bid is a way to ensure that we will award the job to the best qualified, responsible professionals with the lowest bids, saving taxpayer dollars. The bid process can take approximately 2 to 3 months. So on the outside, we will remain in this building until, at least, the fall of 2018.

The construction process will take 18 to 24 months. While the construction is being done, **THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION.** We will be leasing temporary space, where we will provide our services to you. Clearly, while the Library is under construction, we cannot have patrons and staff in the building moving around construction debris and machinery. It is a dangerous and unhealthy environment. Not only is it unsafe, occupying the building would also delay the project, thereby costing more money. The temporary location has not been chosen yet as it is too early. However, the School District has offered us two classrooms in the Campo Center. Our plans are to use that space for Library Administration offices only. This is another cost-effective measure we are taking. Public desks and patron areas will be in another location more conducive to continuing the services you need, in a professional and efficient manner.

Please, if you have questions or complaints, come directly to the source. You can email us at [contactus@eastmeadow.info](mailto:contactus@eastmeadow.info), or [director@eastmeadow.info](mailto:director@eastmeadow.info), send a letter to the Library's address, come visit (Library Administration would be happy to answer any questions), call us or send a carrier pigeon. Whatever the method you choose, we welcome you to contact the Library Staff, Administration or Board for the update on the construction.



**KILLER JOE**

and the Lido Soul Revue  
Friday, July 14 at 7 p.m.



**HARRY POTTER  
BIRTHDAY  
CELEBRATION!**

Monday, July 31  
11 A.M. - 5 P.M.

**Visit our  
Imagination  
Stations  
this Summer  
Something for  
Everyone of any Age**

Beginning in July, there will be small tables set up in the lobby area. Here you can practice origami, learn about astronomy, build with WeDo Legos, draw, and delve into many other fields. The tables will change throughout the summer so visit often. Perhaps you might find a new interest?