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Morris Area Public Library Announces Completion of Expansion Project

Morris, IL - May 27, 2026 - The Morris Area Public Library is excited to announce the completion of its expansion project and the reopening of the newly expanded library on Thursday, June 11.

To finalize the transition into the updated spaces, the library will be closed on Tuesday, June 9 and Wednesday, June 10. The library will reopen to the public at noon on Thursday, June 11.

The reopening day will feature several special programs and activities for the community, including:

- Afternoon Storytime at 1:30 PM
- Tween/Teen Craft Program at 5:00 PM (Registration required due to supplies)
- S'mores in the Garden at 6:00 PM

The expansion project marks a significant milestone in the library's history and reflects the community's continued investment in library services, programs, and gathering spaces for residents of all ages.

Library officials expressed appreciation for the support and patience shown by the community throughout the construction process over the past year. Despite ongoing changes and temporary disruptions, library staff continued to adapt services, programs, and spaces to meet the needs of the community during construction.

"We are incredibly grateful for the patience, encouragement, and support our community has shown throughout this entire project," said Lauren Keavney, President of the Morris Area Public Library Board of Trustees. "This expansion represents an exciting new chapter in the history of our library, and we look forward to welcoming the community into spaces that will allow us to grow, connect, and serve Morris for generations to come."

The library also recognized the dedication and flexibility of its staff throughout the project, noting their commitment to maintaining library services while navigating construction, shifting collections, and temporary changes to daily operations.

Community members are invited to stop by on June 11 to explore the new spaces, participate in activities, and celebrate the completion of this exciting project together.

For more information about events at the Morris Area Public Library, please visit our website at www.morrislibrary.com or contact us at 815-942-6880.

About Morris Area Public Library: The Morris Area Public Library's mission is to provide materials, programming, and space to cultivate curiosity, enlighten the mind, and strengthen the community. We strive to offer diverse and enriching experiences for all members of our community.

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