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**Carpet Project: Final Phase Unfolds in Pictures**

There is excitement in the air felt by both the staff and patrons who follow the library on Facebook. The library is inching closer to its tentative reopen date. Installers with Sherwin Williams began the initial carpet installation on Monday, May 4, 2015. The photographs show the installers progress on the carpet project. They began in the front portion of the library, pulled the old carpet, and laid the new carpet in the Children's and the Circulation/Lobby areas.



The installers moved to the main floor of the library. In preparation for the new carpet installation, City and County employees assisted in moving the bookcracks from the main floor.



As the carpet project progressed, library staff and Facebook patrons noticed the dramatic change unfolding before their very eyes. By Friday, May 8, 2015, the installers, who worked diligently throughout the week, moved on to the Adult area of the library.



Goodbye old carpet...



Say hello to the new!



The installers returned Wednesday, May 13, 2015, to complete the final phase of the installation in the Genealogy and Conference Rooms, and the Technical Services workroom. The installers resurfaced the old tile flooring in the back portion of the workroom and the employees' restroom, and then they carpeted the workroom. Later, they will lay linoleum on top of the resurfaced restroom floor. Wanting to be socially responsible, the carpet contractors saved some of the carpet remnants, and agreed to volunteer their time to carpet the *Library on the Go* bookmobile.

#### **Welcoming Back the Books and Furniture!**

On Monday, May 11, 2015, technicians with GCI Remediation (Gerloff Company) returned to begin the process of returning the books and furniture back to the library. Over 3,000 boxes,

which contain over 50,000 items, make their way back from their offsite storage spaces. GCI technicians and library staff have been busy placing the books on the shelves.



When the library reopens, patrons will notice a few other changes, but for those patrons who are curious, they can follow the library on Facebook to see the progress unfold in pictures. ***NOTE: If plans go as scheduled, the library's reopening date is set for Tuesday, June 9, 2015.***

### **Moving Forward**

The temporary closure has been extremely tedious, but it has been an eye-opener. Because of the unfortunate incident with the mold remediation, the Library Director and staff have had a limited opportunity to reassess the facilities from the roof to the electrical system and all aspects of the library. The original library, which was built in 1958 and added to in 1968, was not designed to handle the latest technologies. The Internet, online services, and electronic devices are constantly evolving, and the library has had to retrofit the building's infrastructure to meet the library's and its patrons' technological needs. Since the library has been closed, different technicians working on the facility have discovered various issues. City and County officials have been informed, and the issues are being addressed. However, these stopgap measures are meant only to meet the current concerns. The community as a whole should consider investing in a new library. Because of a dynamic environment and clientele, a state-of-the-art facility will enable the library to serve the community better.