

RIDGEFIELD LIBRARY
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For Immediate Release

Library Announces Move Date

The Ridgefield Library will be closing the doors at its 472 Main Street location at 5:00 PM on Saturday, August 18th and will remain closed until 9:00 AM on Tuesday, September 4th, when it will begin service from its temporary location at the former Balducci's store at 21 Governor Street. The Library's phone number will remain the same (203-438-2282), and 472 Main Street will remain the mailing address.

September 4th will also mark the beginning of a new schedule of open hours to provide added convenience and consistency. The new schedule will be Monday through Thursday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM, Friday and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, and Sundays 1:00 to 5:00 PM (during the school year).

"For years, people have been asking us to open earlier during the week," says Library Director Chris Nolan. "And even the most dedicated Library users can lose track of which evenings we are open. We hope this new arrangement will make it easier for people to take advantage of everything we have on offer. While there will be changes to our services due to the size and nature of our temporary space, we have some very creative plans underway to remain a vital and vibrant part of Ridgefielders' lives while we are awaiting completion of our beautiful new building." Construction is expected to last 16 to 18 months.

During this two week closing, most library services will be unavailable as we pack and move our collections, technology and furnishings. We urge folks to stock up on reading, listening and viewing material to tide them over during this brief hiatus. No items will be due during this period, and no fines will be charged for the closed days. Summer Reading participants will be able to pick up any prizes they have earned through the 18th and again after Labor Day. Donations for the Friends book sale will be accepted at 472 Main Street until August 17th and at the Governor Street location starting September 4th. Only limited programs will be held while we are closed, and they will take place at alternative locations. Check the event calendar on the Library website for details.

Library patrons are encouraged to take advantage of the ConnectiCard reciprocal borrowing system, which allows cardholders at any public library in the state to use their hometown card to borrow items at any other public library. You must have your wallet-sized card with you (not the key chain version), and it must be up-to-date, so check now to make sure you are properly equipped before the 18th.

Access will continue uninterrupted to the myriad digital resources available on the Library's website at www.ridgefieldlibrary.org, including reference databases and e-books and downloadable audiobooks available through the OverDrive service (a valid library card is necessary for log-in). Library users will be

able to get reference help via phone, email and our Text-a-Librarian service, although there will be a brief interruption while phone and computer infrastructure is being transferred.

For updates on the progress of the move and more on what services will be available in the interim space, visit www.ridgefieldlibrary.org, where you can also follow us on Twitter, connect on Facebook and sign up for the weekly Library e-newsletter.

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