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TO RECEIVE MAJOR MAKEOVER

Reading, PA- Wednesday, August 1, 2018 -The Northeast Branch of Reading Public Library will receive a major interior renovation thanks to the Lowe's Heroes Project and other area construction firms including Skyline Property Services, Dolan Construction, and Steve Stauffer Painting. The makeover of the Northeast Branch, 1348 N. 11th St., will include a fresh coat of paint, new carpeting, and window coverings and will be the first major modernization since the library was built over 40 years ago. This is the second public/private project with these donors to upgrade our library branches since 2017. The work will take place from August 10 through August 14 when 15 to 20 volunteers a day will transform this neighborhood treasure. Additional support has been received from ADAPPT and the City of Reading Public Works Department.

Other enhancements including mobile book shelves, meeting room furniture, added computers, and audiovisual equipment have been funded through private donations from individuals and local foundations.

According to branch manager and librarian, Betty O'Neil, "This renovation will show our patrons that they are valued and that our physical space is important to the community."

The Northeast Branch will be closed for renovations from August 9 through August 14. For more information, contact Linda Capozello at 610.823.5275 or linda.capozello@reading.lib.pa.us.

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