

On February 16, 2009 the Decker, Hampden and Park Hill Branch Libraries will close for a period of approximately four months while Better Denver Bond funded technology upgrades, infrastructure improvements and renovations are completed. All three branch libraries are tentatively scheduled to reopen in mid-June.

Frequently Asked Questions:

What I can expect when the branches reopen?

- Woodwork, case work and doors will be refinished
- Lighting upgrades
- New carpeting and flooring, new furnishings and fresh paint throughout the building
- Children's area will be refreshed and newly furnished
- Main service area will be redesigned to improve staff and customer interactions and to utilize state-of-the-art RFID technology
- Access to computers will improve with specific areas for desktop computers and informal WiFi spaces.
- Public restrooms will be updated with new flooring, partitions, lighting, fixtures and countertops
- Staff work areas will be repaired and refreshed

For more information, click here (with link to denverlibrary.org/bond)

What are the closest branches?

For the Decker Branch Library, please visit:

- Eugene Field Branch Library at 810 S. University Boulevard
- Ross-Broadway Branch Library at 33 E. Bayaud Avenue
- Ross-University Hill Branch Library at 4310 E. Amherst Avenue

For the Hampden Branch Library, please visit:

- Ross-University Hill Branch Library at 4310 E. Amherst Avenue
- Schlessman Family Branch Library at 100 Poplar Street
- Virginia Village Branch Library at 1500 S. Dahlia Street.

For the Park Hill Branch Library, please visit:

- Ross-Cherry Creek Branch at 305 Milwaukee Street
- Schlessman Family Branch Library at 100 Poplar Street
- Pauline Robinson Branch Library, 5575 E. 33rd Ave. at Holly St.

I have outstanding requests going to a closed branch. What will happen if they arrive before the branch reopens?

Any outstanding requests that arrive during the branch closure will automatically be sent to the following branches:

- Decker Branch Library requests will be sent to the Eugene Field Branch Library.
- Hampden Branch Library requests will be sent to the Virginia Village Branch Library.
- Park Hill Branch Library requests will be sent to the Schlessman Family Branch Library.

If you prefer to pick-up items at a different location, please alert a staff member so we may change the destination of your requests to the branch of your choice.

Will I be able to return items to the closed branches?

No. Items must be returned to a Denver Public Library location that is currently open. Items should not be left at a closed location under any circumstances.

What will happen to the staff?

DPL will take advantage of the branch closures to redeploy staff to other locations, allowing the library to increase vacancy savings and not immediately hire open positions. By doing so, the Library will meet the budget reductions required by the City and County of Denver to close the estimated \$56 million budget shortfall in 2009.

If the City and County of Denver is having budget problems, where is the money coming from for the renovations?

The funds are coming from the Better Denver Bond Program that voters approved in 2007. The bonds have already been issued and are separate from the operating budget of the City and County of Denver.

As Mayor Hickenlooper announced in December, the City and County of Denver is committed to completing as many infrastructure projects as possible in the next three years that were funded by the Better Denver Bond Program as way to stimulate the local economy and lessen the impact of the recent downturn.

Will there be other branch closures in 2009?

Yes. The Ross-Cherry Creek and Woodbury Branch Libraries will close in mid-June. Starting in mid-October, the Bear Valley and Montbello Branch Libraries will close for renovation.