

To: Kaukauna Public Library Board of Trustees From: Library Director Ashley Thiem-Menning

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Re: Construction Update

Construction is underway! We were able to ensure that all collections are accessible during the construction. We did have to move several cases of books to accommodate the new meeting room being completed at the same time. We also had to consolidate books into the stacks tighter, so that the books facing the construction work could be removed onto the accessible shelves.

We did meet our goal to ensure that everything remained on shelves and not on tables in the room for the summer. We had to shift Romance, Large Print, Inspirational, Mystery, Fiction, and Videos to make this happen. A good portion of our time during the month of May was spent in preparation for construction by getting things moved and shifted.

After the construction pre-meeting kicked off, we did decide that it was prudent to do the work on both the offices and the meeting room at the same time. You can see that both areas have been partitioned off to help keep dust in.

There is a dumpster out front for construction materials, which will be present most of the summer. The day after it was delivered, we called the street department due to safety concerns, when we noticed the sinkhole in the corner by the canal had increased in size, almost swallowing the construction barricade over it. DPW came out that morning and diligently worked to get it fixed. At times, Thilmany Rd was down to one lane as they were working on the road, but it is complete and all the cones blocking the area have been removed. This sinkhole was directly adjacent to the sinkhole found in the garden.





Future offices with the carpeting removed.



Future meeting room with partial carpet removal and carpet protection applied.



A view of Adult Fiction with the dust barriers on the left and right.



Framing in the office area already!

