



## *Facts about the Henry Ford Centennial Library Closure\**

- May 20, 2019, the Henry Ford Centennial Library (HFCL) closed for multiple renovation projects
- The renovations include:
  - Installation of energy efficient heating, cooling and ventilation (HVAC)
  - Installation of energy efficient LED lighting throughout
  - Reorganization of the second floor for better customer service, including more electrical and charging outlets
  - Renovation of the second floor public restrooms
  - Renovation of the east side of the mezzanine to include:
    - Seven group study rooms
    - A large conference room
    - A Makerspace
    - A relocated computer lab and digitization lab
    - Four single person study booths
  - Replacement of the wallpaper
  - Replacement of the carpeting
  - Creation of a snack lounge with vending machines on the first floor
- Due to the enormity of these projects, we are unable to keep the building open to the public
- Bonds were sold to finance the HVAC and lighting improvement projects and the Library's Capital Improvement savings are being used for the other projects
- We are unable to accept donations through the end of the closure. Check with Library staff for alternate donation sites
- We are not accepting new volunteer applications due to the renovation project. For students looking for volunteer hours, the Teen Advisory Group meets monthly at Esper Branch Library and teens who attend receive 1 volunteer hour per meeting. No registration required

### Library Services during the closure:

- Staff and library material have been relocated to other facilities in order to continue providing quality library services throughout the duration of the closure
- Library patrons are able to place requests for HFCL material which will then be delivered to the branch of their choice, either Bryant Branch Library or Esper Branch Library. Some material may not be available during the closure
- Library hours at the Bryant Branch Library and the Esper Branch Library have been extended: Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 8:30 pm and Friday – Saturday 9:30 am – 5:30 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Additional internet computers and a printer have been set up in the Chamber of Commerce Conference Room at the first floor of the Bryant Branch Library. Library staff are there to assist
- MeLCat interlibrary loan services are available at the Bryant Branch Library
- Library programs will continue to be held at the Bryant Branch Library and the Esper Branch Library as well as other locations throughout the City. Check the library website [dearbornlibrary.org](http://dearbornlibrary.org) regularly throughout the closure

*Please contact Library Administration at (313) 943-2037 if you have additional questions.*

*\*All information is subject to change as the project progresses.*