

Notice to Chelmsford Residents Regarding the MacKay Library

The Board of Library Trustees would like to update you on the status of the MacKay Branch Library, and to confirm our intent to re-open MacKay as soon as it is safe to do so. Under post-COVID occupancy guidelines, significant improvements to the ventilation and HVAC are needed before the building can be re-opened to the public. The Board of Library Trustees and the Library Director, Becky Herrmann, are working with the Town and their consultant to develop a plan to improve the HVAC system.

At the direction of the Select Board, we met with the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) on January 19th. The CPC recommended approval of \$150,000 in funding to install an HVAC system at MacKay and this will be included on the warrant for town meeting in April. With a positive vote from town meeting members, it is our hope that the final design and implementation of the improvements could be completed by Fall of 2022, with full restoration of services. Until that time, we will continue to offer curbside pickup at MacKay, with full services available at the Main Library.

We continue to work closely with the Town to brainstorm creative solutions to maintain and perhaps enhance library services. We have a commitment from the Town Manager to facilitate use by the Library of other Town-owned facilities in North Chelmsford, such as the North Chelmsford Community Center and the Senior Center, to accommodate medium-sized and larger programs that could not be accommodated safely at MacKay (e.g., storytimes, indoor concerts, large lectures, etc.).

We will continue to provide you updates regularly on the Chelmsford Library website. If you have further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Board of Trustees (<https://www.chelmsfordlibrary.org/get-involved/board-of-trustees/>).

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this very challenging time.