



We're Growing!! Fowler Branch Renovation FAQs

When is the Fowler library closing? How long will it be closed?

Our last full day of service at our current location will be May 1. The Fowler Branch Library building will be closed after that date, and we anticipate that the construction project could take up to twelve months.

Is there a temporary location for the library during the renovation?

We will be opening a very small, temporary library on May 10 on the lower level of the Harvey Wheeler Community Center (1276 Main Street) in West Concord. Access to our new space will be either up the exterior stairs from Main Street, or down the exterior stairs at the far end of the Harvey Wheeler parking lot. Persons with mobility issues may enter the main Harvey Wheeler entrance and use the elevator.

How can I reach you after the Fowler library has closed?

Our phone number will remain **978-318-3350**, although it will not be in service the week of May 3 as we move. Please call the Main Library during that week at **978-318-3301**.

Where will I be able to park at Harvey Wheeler?

There will be parking available on Main Street in front of the building, and also in the parking lot located off Church St., behind Harvey Wheeler.

Will the hours remain the same?

The hours that the library is open during the construction will be slightly different, due to the schedule of custodial services at Harvey Wheeler. The hours will be:

Mon-Thurs. 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

While we are in our temporary space, we will not be open on Saturdays.

Will I still be able to pick up my reserved items at the new location?

Yes, we will still be able to process reserved items! Please be aware that during the week that Fowler is closed, all items on our hold shelf will be transferred to the Main library for pickup. We will transfer items still awaiting pickup to Harvey Wheeler on May 10, unless you notify us that you'd rather pick them up at another library. We are also able to assist you if you'd prefer to change your pickup location during the renovation period.

How do I return Fowler items while you are closed?

Starting with the close of business at 5:00 p.m. on May 1, and continuing until we reopen on May 10, all items need to be returned to the Main Library or to another Minuteman Network Library. Although we have plans for a new library book drop at the West Concord train station, it will not be available until mid-May due to construction issues. Please be aware that we have programmed the computers so that no Fowler materials due during the weeks of May 3 or May 10. You will enjoy the advantage of having borrowed materials for extra time!

What can I expect to find at Harvey Wheeler?

Although our space will be quite small, we are hoping to have something for everyone. We will be moving all of our new books, all of our DVDs, all of our CDs and books on CD. We will also have a selection of large print books, paperbacks and new and popular children's materials. We will not have videos, books on tape or our 4 week book collection. However, thanks to the ease of obtaining items through the Minuteman Library Network, we will be happy to order materials for you. We will continue to receive the daily newspapers and other periodicals, but due to space limitations, we will not be able to keep back issues.

Will you have public computer terminals available?

We will have 4 public Internet computers available, and will also have WiFi for laptop users.

Will I still be able to make photocopies or print from the computers?

Our copier will be moved to the Main library during the renovation since we have such limited space, so we will be unable to offer photocopy services. We will have a printer for our computers, charging \$.15/page as usual.

Please stop by Fowler to see the plans for the renovated building, or check out the plans on the library website. The branch will be new, improved and much larger and we are sure that you will agree with us that the end result will be worth the temporary inconvenience!