



Monroe County
Public Library

Main Library
303 E. Kirkwood Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47408
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Ellettsville Branch
600 W. Temperance St.
Ellettsville, IN 47429
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Ellettsville Branch Library to Close for Renovation, Alternative Services Offered

BLOOMINGTON – 50 years after the original Ellettsville Branch opened, Monroe County Public Library (MCPL) is getting its biggest makeover yet. After talking and listening extensively to the people living and working in the Ellettsville area, the Library and its partners at Matheu Architects are excited to unveil the latest chapter in the Branch’s history. Patrons will love the new opportunities to read, learn, connect, and create that the upcoming renovation brings.

Among the improvements patrons will enjoy are upgraded service areas for children, including a new infant room; an expanded program room to accommodate large meetings of up to 125 people; a beautiful bay window with a new seating area for plenty of natural light and relaxation; a dedicated teen space; new ADA-compliant restrooms and an improved, ADA-compliant parking lot; and the complete replacement of the heating and cooling system for more cost-efficient, year-round comfort.

Construction on the expanded program room began on May 7 with all existing services and programming continuing through August 5. The Branch is scheduled to close on Monday, August 6 with an anticipated reopening in early December 2018.

MCPL will provide Library services during the renovation at **three nearby service locations** as follows:

The Endwright Center (631 Edgewood Dr., Ellettsville)
Wednesdays, 3–7 PM (beginning August 8, 2018)
Saturdays, 11 AM–4 PM (beginning August 11, 2018)

The Lobby Stop at The Endwright Center will offer a small browsing collection of high-demand materials for check-out, as well as holds pick-up and materials return. The Library will set up carts full of books, movies, music, and more in the Endwright Center lobby, and patrons may come in to browse, check-out, return items, and receive information assistance. Limited computer and printer access will be available.

Popular programming—including the Ellettsville Book Club, LEGO & K’Nex Club, Preschool Storytime, and Tiny to Two— will take place here as well. Visit mcpl.info/events for dates and times.

Bookmobile at Smithville Digital Warehouse (next to Wichman State Farm, 202 W. Temperance St., Ellettsville)

Fridays, 2–4 PM (beginning August 10, 2018)
Sundays, 2:45–3:45 PM (beginning August 12, 2018)



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**Bookmobile at 8201 W. Main Street, Stinesville
Sundays, 2–2:30 PM (beginning August 12, 2018)**

The Bookmobile is MCPL’s library on wheels. It offers ever-changing collections of high demand materials for all ages including bestselling books, recent and classic movies on DVD, audiobooks and music CDs, magazines, and more. The Bookmobile also offers holds pick-up, materials return, and staff information assistance.

Additionally, Ivy Tech Community College’s Bloomington campus will offer community patron library accounts for Indiana residents. Community members can sign up for a community patron account at Ivy Tech’s Joan Olcott Library, at 200 Daniels Way, using a government-issued photo ID with Indiana address, or a school or work-issued photo ID and document showing proof of Indiana residency. Patrons will then be able to login to Ivy Tech computers to access the internet and Microsoft Office software. Community patrons may check-out books only and are limited to one book at a time. Current library hours can be found on the library website at library.ivytech.edu/bloomington or by calling (812) 330-6080.

All Main Library services will continue as normal. Ellettsville Branch holds will be available for pick-up at all three listed nearby service locations. Alternately, patrons may select to have holds available at the Main Library Drive-Up Window or Second Floor location.

Items may be returned at any of the three Ellettsville-area nearby service locations during service hours, at a new 24-hour temporary book drop located at Smithville Digital Warehouse (at the corner of W. Temperance St. & S. Third St., Ellettsville), or anytime at the Main Library in Bloomington.

Visit mcpl.info/ellettsville or call (812) 349-3050 for the most current information.

About Monroe County Public Library (MCPL)

MCPL strengthens the community and enriches lives by providing equitable access to information and opportunities to read, learn, connect, and create. MCPL provides free services to all residents of Monroe County. A Library Card allows residents to borrow books, DVDs, CDs, and other items; download or stream audiobooks, eBooks, movies, and music; access online resources; and reserve meeting rooms, study rooms, digital creativity facilities, and exhibit spaces. In addition to the Main Library and Ellettsville Branch facilities, community outreach services (such as the Bookmobile and Homebound) expand access to library materials and resources by reducing barriers of literacy, mobility, and geography. For more information, visit mcpl.info.

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