



MEMORANDUM

TO: Residents of the Village of Fremont, Library Patrons, Library Board, Friends of the Library, and Community Partners

FROM: Nicki Scott, President, Village of Fremont, and Martha Bailey, President, Neuschafer Community Library Board of Trustees

DATE: October 20, 2026

RE: Postponement of the New Fremont Area Library & Community Center Grand Opening

The grand opening of the Fremont Area Library & Community Center, scheduled for Saturday, October 24, has been postponed.

We know how disappointing this news is. Many of you have marked this date on your calendars, and no one was looking forward to it more than those who have worked to make it happen.

April's historic 100-year flood triggered a domino effect across construction projects throughout our region. Herculean efforts by Library staff and Board, the project team, contractors, and volunteers made up considerable time; however, the building and move are not yet complete.

We are postponing for three reasons:

- **Safety comes first.** We will not invite the public to an active construction site.
- **We do not yet have an occupancy permit.** That permit confirms the building meets fire, life-safety, accessibility, and building codes. No public building can be legally open without one.
- **There is not enough time to do it right.** Moving in the collection, furniture, and technology and preparing a celebration before October 24 would mean a rushed, half-ready opening. That wouldn't be grand, and this community deserves grand.

Library services will continue in their current temporary arrangement until the move is complete. Once occupancy is granted and a move-in schedule is set, we will announce a new date through Library and Village channels and local media. Questions may be directed to the Neuschafer Library at (920) 446-2474 or fpl@fremontpl.org. Updates will also be posted at fremontpl.org.

Please help us spread the word. There will be no grand opening event, and the new building will not be open to the public, on Saturday, October 24. Please share this notice with anyone who may have planned to attend.

Thank you for your patience and support. When the doors open, they will open on a building that is safe, complete, and ready to serve our community for generations.

Respectfully,

Nicki Scott
President, Village of Fremont

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