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### **CLEVELAND PUBLIC LIBRARY: OUR FUTURE IS BUILDING**

*The Library announces closures and community meetings about upcoming construction projects*

**FEBRUARY 16, 2020 (CLEVELAND, OH)** – Cleveland Public Library’s promise to the community is coming to fruition. This year, we will renovate or rebuild our branches to improve the Library user experience in each neighborhood.

**Construction will begin this Spring. To prepare for the building projects, [West Park](#), [Woodland](#), and [Jefferson](#) branches will not reopen for browsing on February 22 with the rest of the Library system.** Curbside and walk-up services will be available until 6 p.m. on Friday, April 2. At that time, West Park, Woodland, and Jefferson will close for construction. Patrons are encouraged to visit another [Cleveland Public Library](#) location or utilize our books by mail service, [Words on Wheels](#).

“The Facilities Master Plan has been years in the making. Cleveland Public Library is excited to see these much-anticipated projects take shape,” remarks John Lang, Chief Operating Officer at Cleveland Public Library.

As part of the process to reimagine our neighborhood branches, **Cleveland Public Library is hosting a series of community meetings to learn what people want to see in their future branches and how they plan to use the facilities.** The virtual meetings will focus on the design and construction of the following branches: Brooklyn, Eastman, Lorain, Rockport, and Sterling. **All community sessions will be held online. The first meeting is for the [Eastman Branch](#) project on Thursday, February 18 at 6 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to [register](#).**

“Cleveland Public Library wants everyone to be a part of the design process. It’s important to us that each branch reflects the needs of the neighborhoods it serves,” Lang adds.

<b>COMMUNITY TOWN HALL MEETINGS</b>
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<b>Facilities Master Plan Project</b>	<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<b>Meeting Times</b>
<a href="#">Brooklyn Branch</a>	<a href="#">Tuesday, March 2</a> <a href="#">Tuesday, March 16</a>	6 p.m. – 7 p.m. 4 p.m. – 5 p.m.
<a href="#">Eastman Branch</a>	<a href="#">Thursday, February 18</a> <a href="#">Thursday, March 4</a>	6 p.m. – 7 p.m. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
<a href="#">Lorain Branch</a>	<a href="#">Tuesday, February 23</a> <a href="#">Thursday, March 11</a>	6 p.m. – 7 p.m. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
<a href="#">Rockport Branch</a>	<a href="#">Thursday, February 25</a> <a href="#">Tuesday, March 9</a>	6 p.m. – 7 p.m. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.
<a href="#">Sterling Branch</a>	<a href="#">Tuesday, March 2</a> <a href="#">Tuesday, March 16</a>	4 p.m. – 5 p.m. 6 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Representatives from [Vocon](#), [Moody Nolan](#), [CBLH Design](#), and [HBM Architects](#) will be on hand to discuss their research on the community and their inspirations for their respective Library projects.

For the latest information on the Facilities Master Plan, visit [cpl.org](#) or our [coUrbanize project site](#).

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**About Cleveland Public Library**

Founded in 1869, Cleveland Public Library serves the residents of Cleveland through its network of 27 neighborhood branches, the Main Library downtown, Public Administration Library at City Hall, homebound delivery services, and mobile services to daycare and senior centers. From a collection of 10.5 million items, the Library lends nearly 6 million items a year to its 300,000 registered borrowers and to 45 other CLEVNET-member libraries in 12 counties across Northeast Ohio. Cleveland Public Library is home to the Ohio Center for the Book and the Ohio Library for the Blind and Physically Disabled, serving all 88 counties in the state of Ohio. For more information, visit [cpl.org](#).

**About Cleveland Public Library: Our Future is Building**

In 2017, Cleveland residents passed a tax levy set to renew and increase support for [Cleveland Public Library](#), setting into motion a project to dramatically transform our city’s libraries. Over the next decade, Cleveland Public Library will renovate, expand, relocate, or rebuild all 27 neighborhood libraries. The project, known as the Facilities Master Plan, honors and preserves our past while preparing us to better handle the future needs of our community. Our goal is to improve neighborhood engagement and create spaces that enable our strategic priorities. The revitalization project marks the third major, system-wide capital project in our 151-year history. For more information visit [courbanize.com/collections/cpl](#).