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County of Warren, New Jersey



Opening Date Announced for New County Library Branch

(WHITE TOWNSHIP, NJ, June 13, 2018) – The Warren County Library system’s new Southwest Branch will open August 1, 2018, Freeholder Director Edward J. Smith announced.

“It’s really taking shape. It’s going to be a great facility,” Smith said of the new library opening on Route 519 near Stryker’s Road in Greenwich Township.

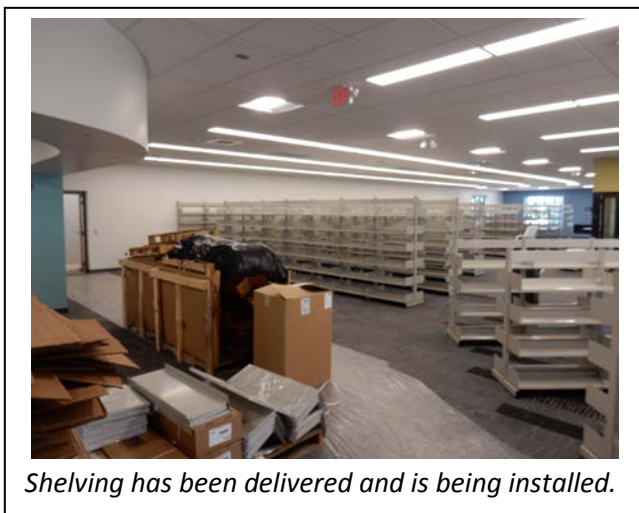
Warren County officials had been targeting July 1 to open the new branch, but “an early and long winter” delayed the project, and the rainy Spring also caused further problems, according to county Department of Public Works Director Alex Lazorisak.

However, Lazorisak said he was comfortable with scheduling a “soft opening” of the branch for August 1, with a formal grand opening ceremony to take place in September.



Work is still underway but the new library opening is scheduled for August 1, 2018.

The new branch will replace both the county system’s Franklin Branch and the county’s federation agreement with the Phillipsburg Free Public Library, which since 1990 has provided library service to county patrons at the town’s library in exchange for county funding. In October 1989, Warren



Shelving has been delivered and is being installed.

County opened the Franklin Branch, located in the east wing of Warren County Technical School on Route 57 in Franklin Township, to serve county library members in that area.

The federation agreement ends July 1, while the Franklin Branch will close in mid-July, allowing time for its collection to move to the Southwest Branch. The county library Headquarters on Route 519 in White Township remains available to all county patrons during the transition.