

**HELP CARE FOR FOREST PARK'S LIBRARY
CELEBRATE ITS FALL RE-OPENING!**

FOREST PARK LIBRARY TO RE-OPEN. The Forest Park Branch Library is slated to re-open four days per week in late September or early October with new carpeting, an improved heating system, and, best of all, longer hours!

KEEP LIBRARY GROUNDS CLEAN. In the meantime, everyone in the neighborhood needs to help keep the library grounds and sidewalks free of litter. Please ask young people not to throw soda cans or snack packages on the lawn, sidewalk or curbside. If you own or work in a store that sells these items, please post a notice to this effect. If, as you walk past the library, you see litter on the lawn, the steps or sidewalk, please put it in the trash cans on either side of the library's front steps. Over the summer neighborhood volunteers have pitched in to plant and tend flowers, mow the library lawn, pick up and remove trash. Please help them take care of our precious neighborhood library by eliminating litter! Thank-you very much.

DO YOU HAVE SUGGESTIONS ABOUT THINGS THE FOREST PARK LIBRARY SHOULD DO DIFFERENTLY? If you have suggestions about how the Forest Park library could better meet the needs of our community, call or email Library Commission Chairman Patrick Markey at 746-5512 or markeyjenn@aol.com. He is very interested in your ideas and will present them to the library commission which meets in the second floor hearing room in city hall at 5:30pm on alternate Tuesdays. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 26. If you have time, come see them in action.

DO YOU WANT TO HELP CLEAN UP THE LIBRARY BUILDING BEFORE IT OPENS OR JOIN A NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE FOREST PARK LIBRARY? If you would like to work with your neighbors to help clean up the inside of the library building in preparation for its re-opening or if you would like to join them in forming a committee to work with branch library staff on finding ways the library could better serve our community, please call or email Sheila McElwaine at 788-8898 sheila.mcelwaine@comcast.net.

BECOME A LIBRARY VOLUNTEER. If you would like to help out the Forest Park branch library by volunteering to help shelve books, tidy up or do other jobs to make librarians' lives easier, call Sheila McElwaine at 788-8898 to get a volunteer registration form. Or sign up on the Forest Park Civic Association website www.forestparkca.com; click on "Sign-up to be a Library Volunteer."

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