

Updated library on display at Hardesty November 8th

The Hardesty Regional Library will have a grand opening celebration from 10 a.m. to noon Nov. 8 after closing two weeks for improvements.

Tulsa City-County Library is in the first stage of its Facilities Master Plan which updates libraries to better serve the 21st-century library customer.

Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 90th St., reopened Oct. 27.

On Nov. 8, there will be tours and refreshments. Family activities include a storytime at 10 a.m., Magician Chris Capstone at 10:30 a.m. and a 3-D printing demonstration at 11:30 a.m.

Hardesty Regional Library is the first of Tulsa City-County Library's four regional libraries

to implement the New Service Model. This was created to structure and operate facilities and services in such a way that libraries remain sustainable and best serve the Tulsa County community into the future.

Enhancements include switching 90-inch shelving to 66-inch shelving to create more open space. A new digital lounge and maker space is equipped with a 3-D printer, touch screen computers, wireless Wi-Fi base, 60-inch TV and gaming equipment. iPad lounges on each floor will offer customers access to Zinio and Press Reader newspapers, magazines and other online services.

Circulation, children's and

reference desks are streamlined into a single person service desk. Customers will appreciate comfortable furniture in updated collaborative spaces for people to study or work together. New full service self-checks and automated book drops have been added as Tulsa City-County Library continues toward the goal of automating 80 percent of all routine transactions. Updated signage directs customers throughout the library for customers to locate their specific interests.

"The improvements are in response to customer input as Tulsa City-County Library created the facilities master plan. We are making libraries easier to use without intensive instruction," said Kimberly Johnson, Tulsa City-County Library's deputy director and chief innovation officer. "Staff will use handheld computer tablets and will be deployed throughout the library to better serve customers. We are excited to implement the new service model to improve the library customer experience."

Regularly scheduled programs at Hardesty Regional Library include: My First Storytime, Toddler Storytime, Preschool Storytime, Family Storytime, Teen Minecraft Gaming, Teen Manga/Anime Club, book discussions and computer classes. A monthly event guide is at www.tulsalibrary.org/event-guide-print or pick up a copy at the library.

The cost for the improvements to Hardesty Regional Library is approximately \$175,000. Funding was provided by the Tulsa Library Trust through bequests from the Anne Merry Naymik Family Trust and the Daniel Allan Naymik Family Trust.

The Broken Arrow Library, 300 W. Broadway, is now closed for improvements until Dec. 7. Once reopened, the library will feature New Service Model enhancements much like the Brookside Library, 1207 E. 45th Place, which underwent improvements earlier in 2014.

For more information, visit www.tulsalibrary.org or call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323.



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Hardesty Regional Library will host an open house Nov. 8 to show off its renovations.