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**HISTORIC GRANDER OPENING OF THE DEKALB LIBRARY**

(DeKalb) - The DeKalb Public Library will re-open the much anticipated Haish Memorial Library building on Saturday, September 10, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. This historic day will complete the two-year, \$25.3 million expansion and restoration project that began in June of 2014. You will NOT want to miss this momentous leap forward for our DeKalb community! In order to prepare for the big day, the library will close from August 20th through September 9th. Patrons are asked that different arrangements are made for holds to be picked up at other local libraries.

The Haish building will house the new Teen Room, Local History Room, KishHealth System Computer Lab, 4 adult study rooms, and the Nancy D. Castle Collaboration Studio. It will also be home to the large print, graphic novel, teen, and local history collections. The Nancy D. Castle Collaboration Studio, the most technology savvy room in the library, will have three 3D printers, an Access Share system for group projects, and Vydeo, a program designed to allow for virtual interviews and conference calls.

On Grand Opening Day, the ceremony will begin at 9:00 a.m. It will consist of keynote speakers, a time capsule dedication, and the symbolic ribbon-cutting. After the ceremony, the remainder of the day will be dedicated to programming for all ages. The Local History Room will feature two genealogy programs, "Who's been sleeping in my house?" at 11:00 a.m. and "Beginning Genealogy Research" at 2:00 p.m. Both programs will be led by local historian Steve Bigolin and Local History librarian Teresa Iversen. The Friends of the DeKalb Public Library will be registering members and selling books and other materials. The library will be selling merchandise including t-shirts, blankets, eReader covers, and much more.

Join us in the new Haish Memorial Library building and the new addition, where modern meets historic, and rejoice in the completion of a new, high-tech library that will serve as a cornerstone in the DeKalb community! The library is giving tours every Friday at 3:00 p.m. until August 19th. Private group tours can be made by calling 815-756-9568 ext. 1700 or 1701. The DeKalb Public Library is open seven days a week and like us on Facebook for other library news and events.

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