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Community Library announces change in hours, entry procedures *Opening of Reynolds Middle School alters processes*

PROSPER (August 23, 2010) Resulting from the opening of Reynolds Middle School, the Prosper Community Library, co-located at the school at 700 N. Coleman St., will undergo changes in hours of operation and procedures for entry during the school day, according to Librarian Linda Shaw.

Library patrons seeking access to the facility between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. during the school week will be required to comply with the visitor check-in process in place at the school. During these times, the library's exterior doors will remain locked, meaning that library patrons will be routed to the front entrance of the school for entry and exit. This procedure will remain in place through the end of the school year.

Like all visitors to the school, library patrons will be required to show a picture ID, sign in and receive a visitor's pass. This process, in place at all Prosper ISD schools, is designed to ensure security for the facility and students.

The library's exterior doors, on the building's northwest corner, will be unlocked and available for entry and exit after 4:30 p.m. on school days. There will no requirement for school entrance on weekends.

Until Friday, Sept. 30, 2010, the library will be open on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

From Oct. 1, 2010 until Sept. 30, 2011, except for the summer months, the library's hours will change slightly. On Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, the library will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

During the summer of 2011, from June 5, 2011 to Aug. 20, 2011, the library will open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; it will close on Fridays; and open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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During Christmas and Spring breaks, the library will operate using the summer hours schedule. The library closes on all holidays recognized by the Town of Prosper.

“Since the Community Library is under a joint-use agreement with Reynolds Middle School, patrons have the advantage of sharing book collections with the school,” she said.

This means that patrons of the Community Library are free to check out circulating books from both the middle school collection and the Community Library’s collection.

“It’s a win-win for the school and for the community. We’re always anxious to hear comments and suggestions from the community on anything related to materials and services of the library,” she concluded.

Community Library Facts

- Double the number of weekly hours library is open from 32 to 65.5
- Double the number of books available for checkout (nearly 20,000)
- Beginning October 1, Library is open seven days a week
- Beginning in September, Friends of the Prosper Community Library will provide coffee for patrons
- Now carrying recent novels by best-selling authors, new picture books, and hundreds of new titles

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 9,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper’s vision is to remain a “Place Where Everyone Matters.”