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Elmhurst Public Library Seeks New Coffee Vendor

ELMHURST, IL — When you step into the Elmhurst Public Library, your nose is greeted with an unusual aroma. Instead of musty books you catch a whiff of freshly ground coffee beans, espresso and pastries. But on May 31, the cheerful presence of the sisters running the Saint Roger Abbey French Patisserie will end.

Saint Roger Abbey Patisserie is operated by the sisters of Fraternite Notre Dame (FND). Recently, FND has started a mission in Haiti which has drawn sisters and brothers from their Chicago location, so they now have insufficient staff to maintain a coffee bar that is open 72 hours a week. Although the Library offered to renegotiate the terms of their contract in an attempt to find a workable solution, FND has decided to vacate the coffee bar at EPL in order to focus on their other vocations. As a result, the Library is seeking a new coffee vendor.

A Request for Proposals for operation of the Library's coffee bar is on the homepage of EPL's website, www.elmhurstpubliclibrary.org, and is also available at the Library. Interested parties are invited to submit proposals until the deadline of noon on April 17, 2009. Questions regarding the RFP can be directed to EPL's administrative office at 630-279-8696.

The Elmhurst Public Library strives to enrich life in Elmhurst by providing opportunities to explore, learn and grow. EPL offers the support and resources for Elmhurst residents to develop a love of reading; access information for work and learning; pursue interests that will enrich their lives; understand changes in technology, society and culture; and gather and interact with each other. Elmhurst Public Library is a place for discovery at the heart of the community.

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