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Elmhurst Public Library Updates AV Equipment in Meeting Rooms

ELMHURST, IL — In October and early November, the audio-visual equipment in the Kossman Room, Large Meeting Room, and Storytime Room at Elmhurst Public Library will be updated to address the technological needs of the community.

Although the building is only 10 years old, its technology is already outdated. Prior to the upgrade, obsolete VHS and cassette players sat unused, and repairs and maintenance of the old equipment, tied to proprietary software, were expensive. An upgrade is necessary to keep up with changing demands and innovations in technology.

Pentegra Systems, an Elmhurst-based company, will install the new equipment beginning in October.

Upgrades to the Kossman Room, Large Meeting Room, and Storytime Room will include Mondopads—large, interactive, touch-screen boards. These feature a high definition display with a built-in computer for full touchscreen functionality, along with a webcam for video teleconferencing. New high-fidelity sound equipment will include high definition microphones and speakers and portable music player docks. Additionally, high-resolution screens and high-definition projectors will be installed in all three rooms. The Kossman Room will feature a larger 90-inch monitor for high-resolution video conferencing.

While the installation occurs, the rooms will be unavailable for reservations on the following dates: Large Meeting Room, Oct. 7-25; Kossman Room, Oct. 28-Nov. 8; and the Storytime Room, Nov. 4-15. Programs normally held in these rooms will be shifted to other locations within the building during these dates.

After installation, EPL will host open sessions with demonstrations to give the public to see and use the new equipment. For more information on these sessions, which will be held Dec. 9-13, look at the Library newsletter for November/December, or go to elmlib.org/av.

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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