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Read, Reuse, Recycle: Library Furniture Finds New Life in Elmhurst Schools

ELMHURST, IL — Students at Conrad Fischer have some new furniture in their school library—repurposed from the Elmhurst Public Library. “We feel very lucky,” says Donna Dewar, Library Media Specialist at the elementary school. Dewar says the tables, chairs, and shelves from the Public Library are now used each day by both students and staff at Conrad Fischer. “The chairs are so comfy, we have our staff meetings here,” she says.

While Elmhurst Public Library’s Kids’ Library is undergoing renovation, old furniture had to be moved out to make room for the new. “We knew the furniture items we no longer needed—though well loved—still had some life left in them,” says Sharon Karpiel, Head of the Kids’ Library. “We’re happy to know that children continue to read and learn at the tables and discover new books from the shelves.”

Other schools that received furniture from Elmhurst Public Library are: Bryan Middle School, Emerson, Field, Jackson, Jefferson, Lincoln, Sandburg Middle School, Bethel Preschool, Immaculate Conception, and Immanuel Lutheran.

Renovation for the Kids’ Library will be complete by the start of the Library’s popular Summer Reading Program. This summer’s theme is “Libraries Rock!” and begins Saturday, June 2. More information at elmlib.org/summer

Photo caption: Students from Miss Gabelman's first grade class took time for silent reading in the Conrad Fischer school library on May 17. Furniture items such as tables, chairs, and shelves were repurposed from the Elmhurst Public Library and are enjoying a second life at Conrad Fischer and several other Elmhurst schools.

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