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Oshkosh Public Library to undergo roof replacement

OSHKOSH, Wis. – Oshkosh Public Library is gearing up for a new roof installation project beginning May 20. Construction will take place Mondays through Fridays between 6:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. The project, scheduled to conclude by the middle of June, is intended to replace the rubber membrane roof on the largest part of the library building. The Dome on the roof of the historic original library building will not be affected.

Over time, the existing roof has naturally deteriorated, resulting in water leaks inside the building. To address this, staff have resorted to temporary measures, including using several large garbage bins, buckets and plastic sheeting to catch rainwater and protect furniture, flooring and library materials.

Library Director Darryl Eschete says the new roof is a welcome improvement.

"A leaking roof means water, and water ruins library materials," says Eschete. "A good roof is arguably more important to a library than to just about any other kind of public institution."

Kaschak Roofing, Inc. of Milwaukee was awarded the project with a winning bid of \$197,900. Funding for the project is provided by the City of Oshkosh as a regular part of its capital improvements budget.

While visitors will notice increased noise during construction, the library will remain open throughout the project.

For more information, please visit oshkoshpubliclibrary.org.

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