



Frequently Asked Questions About the Roslindale Branch Library Renovation

When will the Roslindale Branch Library close for renovation and for how long?

The Roslindale Branch Library will officially close on Friday, September 13, at 5 pm. It will be closed for approximately two years. The BPL will notify the Friends six months in advance of the reopening. Sign up for email updates on the renovation at friendsofroslindalelibrary.org or contact info@friendsofroslindalelibrary.org.

What will happen to the building during the renovation?

The library's interior will be completely remodeled and get new furniture, books, a new elevator, and updated accessibility and technology. The dome (which will be repainted) and the windows will remain intact. For more information, go to friendsofroslindalelibrary.org/renovation.

What will happen to the Roslindale Branch Library's museum passes and book holds?

Museum passes, holds, and other items will be transferred to the West Roxbury Branch Library.

What will happen to the library staff?

All staff members have been reassigned to other branches throughout the city for the duration of the renovation. Head Librarian Rebecca Manos has been assigned to the West Roxbury Branch Library.

Where can I use a computer, copier, or printer after the Roslindale Branch Library closes?

Please visit branch libraries in adjacent neighborhoods to get the same computer and printer services you accessed at the Roslindale Branch Library.

- West Roxbury Branch: 1961 Centre Street, West Roxbury, (617) 325-3147
- Jamaica Plain Branch: 30 South Street, Jamaica Plain, (617) 524-2053
- Hyde Park Branch: 35 Harvard Ave, Hyde Park, (617) 361-2524
- Mattapan Branch: 1350 Blue Hill Avenue, Mattapan, (617) 298-9218

These Roslindale businesses offer access to computers and printers for a service fee:

- Vera's Multiservice: 11 Poplar Street, Roslindale, (617) 506-7272
 - Computers and printers
- Bonilla's Wireless and Multiservices: 44 Corinth Street, Roslindale, (617) 469-9457
 - Bring the file you want to print on a USB flash drive and they will print it for you.

Will any Roslindale Branch programs continue during the renovation?

Yes, most of the Roslindale Branch Library programming will continue at different locations in Roslindale and the Jamaica Plain Branch Library during the renovation. Please check bpl.org and friendsofroslindalelibrary.org for information on upcoming events.

Will the Race and Inclusion Series continue during the renovation?

Yes, with support from the Citywide Friends of the BPL, we are collaborating with the Friends of the Jamaica Plain Branch to offer some of our programs at the JP Branch. Please go to friendsofroslindalelibrary.org/inclusion for upcoming events.

What Roslindale Branch programs will be discontinued during the renovation?

Preschool Movies, Homework Help, and English Conversation Group will be discontinued. However, Preschool Movies and Homework Help are offered at the Hyde Park and West Roxbury branches. Please go to bpl.org for times and dates.

Why is the English Conversation Group being discontinued?

There is no longer a volunteer to run the English Conversation Group that meets on Thursday evenings, so, unfortunately, we have to discontinue the group during the renovation. Other branch libraries offer ESL classes and conversation groups (check bpl.org), as well as social service agencies and community centers. If we get a new volunteer, we will hold a conversation group at a location near the Roslindale Branch Library.

Where do I go to vote?

If you live in Ward 19, Precincts 10 and 13, which usually votes at the Roslindale Branch Library, voting will now take place at the Roslindale Community Center at 6 Cummins Highway starting with the [September 24 election](#).

What is happening with the children's librarian position?

The current children's librarian, Paula Wiktorowicz, will retire on August 16. A new librarian will probably be hired and start working during the renovation period. He or she may choose to host some children's programs during the renovation at different locations in Roslindale until the library reopens.

Where can I send my book donations?

We encourage you to leave your book donations at little libraries in our newly formed Roslindale Community Library Network. We are working on a map of all the Roslindale area Little Free Libraries and will post it at friendsofroslindalelibrary.org soon. You can also read more about the [Little Free Library national program](#).

What if I am not able to get to other branches outside of Roslindale?

There are many ways to use the Boston Public Library without physically going into a branch building. You can sign up for a BPL library card at bpl.org/get-a-library-card to get an eCard. The eCard provides access to millions of ebooks, audiobooks, movies, newspapers, magazines, journals, databases, and [other online resources](#), including [OverDrive](#) and [Hoopla](#). All you need is a computer and an internet connection to access these resources and then log in to bpl.org with your eCard.