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## **MAIN LIBRARY UNDERGOING STREETScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

**EVANSTON, IL** - The City of Evanston has contracted for streetscape improvements on Orrington Avenue and Church Street adjacent to the Main Library. The purpose of the Library Streetscape Improvement Project is to enhance pedestrian mobility and safety on Church and Orrington in front of the library. This project is funded by Washington National TIF funds.

The scope of work will include replacing the existing pavers with a new concrete sidewalk, the installation of new roadway curbing and brick paver bands behind the curbing, and upgrading the library ramp area with poetry inscriptions.

Construction will begin the week of October 12th. Starting on Church Street, the construction project will move west on Church Street toward Orrington Avenue, then north on Orrington. During construction, traffic will be maintained on Church Street and Orrington Avenue. Please be advised there will be no overnight and weekend parking on this block of Church Street (north side) and Orrington Avenue (east side). Construction zone "NO PARKING" restrictions will be in effect for the project's duration from October 12th through the 3rd week of November. Sidewalks on these two blocks will be closed during construction.

All Library services will continue throughout the project, but patrons and staff will need to make the following accommodations:

The front entrance of the Library will be temporarily closed during construction.

The wheelchair accessible entrance on the east (alley) side of the Library will remain open.

Library book drops normally located on Church Street will be temporarily relocated to the east (alley) side of the building.

Parking in the Library underground garage will be available but limited due to storage needs of the construction crews.

Bicycle racks will be available on the east (alley) side and in the underground garage.

The selection of the poetry to be imprinted in the ramp will take place in the spring of 2010 and will be coordinated by the Library and the City's Public Art Committee. Questions about the poetry project may be directed to Paul Gottschalk at 847/448-8656.

The contractor for the streetscape improvement project is Schroeder & Schroeder Inc., located at 7306 Central Park Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60076.

The project is under the supervision of the City of Evanston's Division of Transportation. The Resident Engineer in the field will be Dan Manis. He will be directly responsible for all aspects of the construction. For further information, please contact Paul Gottschalk at 847/448-8656 or Dan Manis at 847/878-0137.

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