

New Library On Track For Late Spring Opening

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Roof Now Being Installed

Construction of the New Haven branch of the Scenic Regional Library is progressing quickly and still on schedule to be completed and open to the public in late April 2018.

Contracts for all seven Scenic Regional projects were awarded in July to a single general contractor, Wright Construction of St.

Peters.

The New Haven branch was bid at \$1.66 million. Bids on all seven projects totaled more than \$12.5 million. Wright was the low bidder on five of the seven projects, including New Haven.

Work began in August. "The steel frame has been erected, and the roof is be-

ing installed," said Scenic Regional Library Director Steve Campbell. "The New Haven and Wright City branches will be the first two completed, followed by Owensville."

Plans are to have the New Haven, Wright City, and Owensville facilities all open by June 1 when

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the annual Summer Reading Program begins. "If the winter weather cooperates, we plan to have a soft opening for the New Haven branch in late April and a grand opening event in May," Campbell said.

Ground was broken on Douglas Street for the new library April 15. The new 5,000-square-foot building will replace the existing 1,500-square-foot library housed in an old church at 901 Maupin. That building has been in use as a library since 1990.

The new library will include a 660-square-foot meeting room, areas for children and teens and outdoor patio seating, along with onsite parking lacking at the current site. It also includes a work room, break room, study and storage areas and restrooms.

Wright Construction Project Superintendent Jim Brown said structural steel is in place and the exterior steel is almost finished. Foam and plywood for the roof system is now being installed.

"It's going as planned,"

Brown said. "We've had great weather. We're thrilled that we are this far along and that we'll be putting the standing seam metal roof on next week."

The goal is to get everything under roof before cold weather hits so interior work can continue during the winter. "However, if the temperature drops below 25 degrees this winter on a given day, our general contractor won't be able to do any work," Campbell said.

Next up is sheeting the outside of the building. "We'll be doing a product application to seal out moisture, then we'll start applying the foam and a Z channel and then Nichiha siding" which is expected to be available this week, Brown noted,

Wright Construction is a medium-sized construction firm with approximately \$50 million in annual revenue.

They have successfully completed many public works projects, including multiple schools for the Kirkwood and Hazelwood school districts.



WRIGHT CONSTRUCTION crews are making rapid progress on the new Scenic Regional Library branch in New Haven. The building should be under roof soon, allowing interior work to continue over the winter. The project is slated for a late spring completion.

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