

New Library Opens May 31

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The newly constructed Scenic Regional Library New Haven branch will open to the public on Thursday, May 31.

The 5,000-square-foot facility on Douglas Street is rapidly nearing comple-

tion. All the books, computers and other equipment will be moved to the new location from the old library on Maupin Avenue in the days leading up to the opening.

"They're getting close," said Scenic Regional Director Steve Campbell.

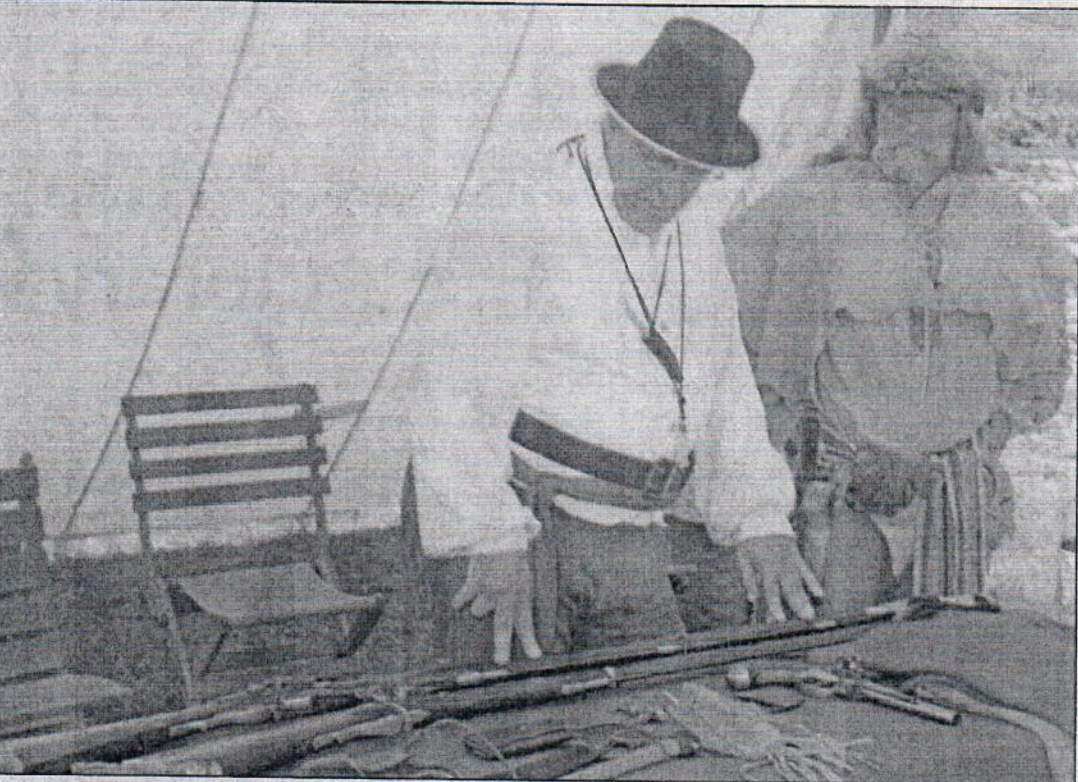
"It's been painted inside, the flooring is down or ready to be put down. They have the landscaping in. The ceiling tiles are up. The exterior is pretty much done."

New shelving is expected to be delivered May 14. Assembly takes about five

days, he said. The furniture will follow.

Campbell called May 31 a "soft opening" with the library staffed and fully operational. A grand opening celebration is planned for Saturday, June 23.

The grand opening will
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The New Haven Community Youth Fair is seeking sponsors for this year's fair.

Set for Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7, at the American Legion grounds, the fair features numerous youth-oriented events like livestock shows and 4-H exhibits that involve the awarding of trophies, ribbons and premiums to young participants.

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run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on June 23 and feature food, children's activities and remarks by state legislators and county commissioners.

New Haven will be the third of the new Scenic Regional Libraries to open of the seven being expanded or replaced with new facilities. Wright City opens May 21 and Owensville May 23, followed by New Haven on May 31.

"We should have all the furniture by the time the library opens," Campbell said. "Wright City is opening first and we will not

have every single piece of furniture by that point, but for New Haven we should."

Construction contracts for all seven Scenic Regional projects were awarded last 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 over \$12.5 million.

"Originally we thought we'd have all three buildings turned over to us at the end of April, but it's a couple of weeks late," Campbell said. "The main thing I wanted to do is open up everything by June 1 for the Summer Reading Program kickoff. So we managed to get all three of those in under that gun."

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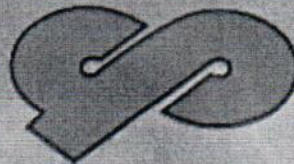
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