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Village Approves Expansion Plans Construction to Start This Summer

On March 10, the Libertyville Village Board unanimously approved expansion plans for the Cook Park Library.

"I am happy to report that the Libertyville Village Board unanimously approved our expansion plans," said Library Director Dan Armstrong. "We expect to put the project out to bid before the end of March and award a construction contract in April."

"With the village board's vote, we can now get the Cook Park project out to bid," said Board President Aaron Lawlor. "We are in a strong position to move forward. The library district has the funds it needs to complete both projects and the current bidding climate is in our favor."

"Many local construction companies are looking for work and we can provide them with a great project. The climate may change in the coming months when stimulus funding hits the streets, so we need to act quickly. Our project is about as shovel-ready as it gets," added Lawlor.

The Library Board, concerned with the safety of patrons, frequent disruptions of library service, and the level of noise during construction, has asked staff members to investigate relocating during construction of the Cook Park Library. "We want to offer a safe and enjoyable library environment to our patrons during construction. We hope to move out before construction begins in June," said Armstrong. Moving out will speed up construction by six months and cut construction costs. The project is expected to be completed one year after construction starts.

The Cook Park Library expansion is part of the Library Board's *Building a Better Future* plan, which also includes building a new, full-service library in Vernon Hills. The \$14 million expansion project will be financed without raising taxes. For more information, call (847) 362-2330 or visit www.cooklib.org.

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