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NDL's Carlo Meeting Room Gets a Major Upgrade

Northville, MI: This Spring brings a much-needed renovation of the Carlo Meeting Room. A partition wall that once allowed the Library to divide the Carlo Room into two for various events will be removed as it is no longer used. This project will create storage closets for storing tables and chairs and will make it easier to use the room while improving setup time between meetings. Another improvement will see the replacement of the projectors and multimedia equipment with a huge upgrade to the sound system that is 13 years old.

The Library worked with Quinn Evans Architects of Ann Arbor, Michigan, to develop the room's design, and general contractor O'Neal Construction Inc., also of Ann Arbor, is completing the work. While the Carlo Meeting Room is under construction it will not be available for the Library to host programs, and community groups will not be able to request private bookings. The Library expects construction to last 6-8 weeks, after which the room's upgraded AV technology will be installed and staff will be trained to use it. Library Director Laura Mancini says, "We know that it will be disruptive to our patrons while construction is going on, but the end result will be worth it. We're excited to reopen the room in a couple of months!"

Northville District Library was built in 1996 and opened to the community on October 6 of that year. Before the current building's development, the Library was housed in various locations throughout Northville, from its modest beginnings in a storefront on Main Street to the shopping center, City Hall, and then the community center. Settling into its current location enabled exponential growth in the collection, services, and programs, many of which are regularly held in the Carlo Meeting Room, a room that has seen its fair share of change over the years. Named in honor and memory of Northville resident John J. Carlo, a proud supporter of the Library and original owner of the Northville Downs, this meeting room has encouraged and supported many a library patron's quest for knowledge. Thanks to the generosity of the Carlo family, the Carlo Room was outfitted with the equipment and furniture of the times; it originally offered a slide projector, a large-screen television, VCR, and an overhead projector for staff and guests to utilize.

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Photo of the Carlo Meeting Room before construction.