



Monroe Street Library - Proposed New Hours

Current hours:

Monday 1-9pm
Tuesday 10am-6pm
Wednesday 1-9pm
Thursday 12-6pm
Friday 1-9pm
Saturday 9:30am-5pm
Sunday - closed

TOTAL: 45.5 hours

Proposed new hours:

Monday 10am-8pm
Tuesday 10am-8pm
Wednesday 10am-8pm
Thursday - closed
Friday 10am-6pm
Saturday 9am-5pm
Sunday - closed

NEW TOTAL: 46 hours

Community driven

This change meets a longstanding community desire for more consistent hours and increased morning hours. The significant increase to our morning hours will be more accommodating to daycare providers, families, and our older adult patrons.

New start and closing times, and closed on Thursday?

We examined a variety of different configurations of hours to arrive at a balance of providing a consistent set of hours, meeting the needs of our patrons, better alignment with other MPL libraries and our business neighbors, and remain within our existing operating budget.

- The 10am start time is in alignment with the other MPL neighborhood libraries and is community driven.
- The earlier closing times better reflects the current usage of our library where library use dramatically decreases after 7pm. It also better aligns with our retail neighbors where Monroe Street businesses are generally open 10am to 6, 7, or 8 pm.
- In order to maintain days of 8-10 hours and remain within our current budget, our best option was to close an additional day. We examined our data and determined that a closure on Thursday, our slowest service day, would have the least impact to our patrons.

This new change in hours will result in more efficient staffing and allow for better accommodation of staff schedule needs. In addition, the change improves access to our facility and includes a slight increase of hours overall without increasing our current operating budget.

Status of proposal

The proposed change to the hours of operation was introduced to the Library Board at their January 2018 meeting. We have continued our vetting process with an equity analysis, which is currently being finalized, and additional conversations with community partners. The proposal will return to the Library Board at the March 1, 2018 meeting.

If approved, the changes will go into effect April 2, 2018.

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