

WATCHUNG LIBRARY OPENING JUNE 5



The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey's (SCLSNJ) Watchung branch will open the doors to it's temporary location on Wednesday, June 5, 2024 at 2 p.m. at 20 Stirling Road in Watchung - only a short distance away from the temporarily-closed but to-be-renovated original branch.

"We cannot wait to welcome back our Library customers and show off the temporary space that the Watchung Borough, in partnership with Mr. Frank Bisignano and SCLSNJ, have provided for the community," said Manny Miracle, branch manager. "I think our customers will be delighted to see how charming the branch is and how hard staff throughout the Library System have worked to ensure there is something in the building for everyone to enjoy."

The new temporary space offers an outdoor book drop, limited curated collections for customers of all ages, new materials, photocopier services, public computer access, a phone charging station, access to Library programs, and more. While smaller programs will be held at temporary Watchung space, larger events such as the <u>One Man Sideshow</u>, will be held at the Wilson Memorial Church in Watchung.

The temporary location has parking available in front of the former Valley Furniture Store, as well as at Best Lake. The temporary branch hours will be as follows:

Mondays: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Tuesdays through Thursdays: 2 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturdays: 10 – 2 p.m.

All customer holds will be available at the Watchung branch temporary location for pickup beginning June 5, 2024 during open library hours. Customers may change their holds pickup location at any time by accessing SCLSNJ's online catalog at catalog.sclsnj.org. If you require personalized assistance to complete a holds pickup location change, email ask@sclibnj.org.

Continued Miracle, "Library staff eagerly anticipate reuniting with old friends and making new ones. Customers who visit on June 5 will be welcomed back with some tasty treats courtesy of the Friends of Watchung Library."

For additional assistance or questions, email <u>watchung@sclibnj.org</u>. To discover all SCLSNJ has to offer, visit <u>SCLSNJ.org</u> or connect with SCLSNJ on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>X (formerly Twitter)</u>, or <u>YouTube</u>.