Brief closure slated for Historic Preservation Commission office, LRB Library

The Legislative Reference Bureau Library and the office of the Historic Preservation Commission will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, April 24-25 while preparing to relocate to new space in the City Hall Complex.

The LRB Library and HPC offices – currently located in the basement level at City Hall, 200 E. Wells St. – will be open Monday, April 23, Thursday, April 26 and Friday, April 27. While closed on April 24-25 each will have no walk-in service and each will have limited/slow response to calls/emails.

City Clerk Jim Owczarski said the relocation is necessary as part of the City Hall foundation project. He said HPC and the LRB Library will move to become part of the Municipal Research Center (MRC) on the basement level of the Zeidler Municipal Building (841 N. Broadway).

"The dynamic and user-friendly new Municipal Research Center will bring the City Records Center Document Services, the LRB Library, and Historic Preservation together in a newly-renovated space occupying the old Print Shop in the basement area of the Zeidler Municipal Building," Mr. Owczarski said. The new space will include a rotating display case, an updated mail room, and a unified reception desk.

It should be noted that the City Records Center (Document Services Section) will be fully operational throughout the foundation project. To access the CRC (room B-1), citizens should enter the Zeidler Municipal Building (841 N. Broadway) and take the elevator to level “B.”

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Document Services, the LRB Library, and Historic Preservation will still provide all of their existing services as constituent units of the MRC. Whether one needs to store records, consult a book on Milwaukee history, research changes to the Code of Ordinances, or find out about the status of an historic designation, it can all be done at the MRC.

Relocation work and space preparation will continue for the next few weeks and a Grand Opening and Open House for the new MRC is expected in May.

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