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PATSKALA LIBRARY TO RELOCATE DURING UPCOMING RENOVATION AND EXPANSION OF CURRENT FACILITY

New partnership agreement has been reached with the West Licking County Family YMCA to ensure continued services for the community.

PATASKALA, February 23, 2023 – While searching for temporary space in 2022, the Pataskala Public Library became aware of space available at the old Watkins Middle School and signed a lease with the Southwest Licking School District to commence in June 2023. In January of this year, they became aware of another potential space, which was previously not available, and decided to start vetting the space as they did with the school district. It became apparent to the library that the space available at the West Licking County Family YMCA was a better fit geographically and economically.

"We are grateful for the partnership with both organizations," said Jeff Rothweiler, the library's Director and Fiscal Officer. "The Southwest Licking School District and the West Licking County Family YMCA are both outstanding community partners and we appreciate their willingness to lease space to Pataskala Public Library. We look forward to continuing our partnership with both organizations moving forward!"

Southwest Licking School District Superintendent, Kasey Perkins noted, "We are happy to have strong partnerships with community focused organizations such as the library and we look forward to continuing to work with them in the future."

Dana Moore, Executive Director of the West Licking County Family YMCA is excited for the opportunity to help a community partner. "By partnering with the library, we have the opportunity to ensure the youth, families, and community of Pataskala continue to have access to the resources and services the library provides. We are also looking forward to greater collaborative programming opportunities between our organizations."

Rothweiler went on to say, "The temporary space at the YMCA will allow us to provide the same level of services we currently offer to the community, and we are excited that at the end of our lease, we'll have a newly renovated and expanded library offering more spaces and services to the community."

The Pataskala Library will be opening in their temporary location in June 2023 at the West Licking County Family YMCA 355 West Broad St.

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