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Friends of Community Library set Open House for Oct. 17 *Renovations to be highlighted, hours to expand*

PROSPER (Sept. 23, 2010) Prosper's Community Library has undergone a number of significant changes over the last several months, and is now ready to showcase its transformation, according to Librarian Linda Shaw. An Open House is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 17 from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

"The physical changes to the library make for a noticeable improvement in the library's operation, its layout and its enhanced accessibility. But the other changes, while perhaps not as evident, are just as significant," she said.

Among those are its joint-use status with Reynolds Middle School, which translates into an extraordinary expansion in both the number and quality of the circulating collection. In addition, an almost complete turnover of old and unused editions of books resulted in an impressive collection of newer and more expanded versions of reading and listening material.

"Our excitement at the staff level is infectious. The volunteer members of the Friends of the Community Library are strongly encouraging residents to come see the recent renovations at the Library, especially in the children's section," she added.

To illustrate the Friends' excitement, the group is sponsoring the Open House by serving as tour guides and docents, and by serving refreshments and putting on special craft activities. Story readings by several special guests will also be included. The Open House is also being billed as an opportunity for the community to see and borrow from the large number of new books acquired over the summer.

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Moreover, the library's hours of operation will change as of Oct. 1. Starting that day, the Community Library will be open seven days a week, except during weeks with holidays. Until the end of the school year, the library will be open Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Story Time, the reading and activity program for children 3 to 5 years of age will resume on the morning of Wednesday, October 6 from 10:15 to 10:45.

Because the Community Library is co-located at Reynolds Middle School, access to the library can only be made through the school office from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. After 4:30 p.m. and on weekends, the library's exterior doors on the school building's northwest side are unlocked.

"The Town of Prosper is very appreciative of the Friends of the Community Library, and we extend our thanks to them. And, at the same time, we want as many people as possible to attend the Open House on Oct. 17. It will be a real eye-opener for many residents," she concluded.

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ABOUT THE TOWN OF PROSPER – The Town of Prosper is a fast-growing suburb with small town charm, located 30 miles north of Dallas at the crossroads of U.S. 380, Preston Road and the Dallas North Tollway in Collin and Denton Counties. Prosper sits on 27 square miles and is home to more than 9,000 people. A home-rule municipality, governed by a council-manager form of government, the town has full-time fire and police departments, including its own dispatch service. As the Town grows to its projected build-out population of 90,000 residents, Prosper's vision is to remain a "Place Where Everyone Matters."