



Orland Park Public Library Makes Its Move with Midwest

Features of the New Orland Park Public Library

- Conference/Community room with seating for 150
- Smaller conference rooms with seating for 20
- 2,000 sq. ft. Young Adults area
- A Business Resource Center where the business community can come for research and assistance in locating information
- A Homework Center in Youth Services with textbooks and other resources to help children succeed in school
- A periodical browsing section including current and back issues of all magazines directly available to the public
- An audio-visual collection stored on open shelves making it more accessible and easy to browse.

When the new 93,000 square foot Orland Park Public Library opened its doors at the Grand Opening on September 12, 2004, it was the culmination of years of planning as well as intensive behind the scenes activity.

"With the rapid growth the Orland Park community, the library simply ran out of space," explained Mary Weimar, Assistant Library Director. "In planning the new facility, we projected the growth of the community and designed the library to meet the needs of our patrons for the next 20 years."

Library Features Space and Light

The new library space focuses not only on accommo-

dating an expanding collection of more than 160,000 books, CD's, DVD's, periodicals, large print books, and other forms of media, but also on the way patrons use the library. "We wanted to create an environment that provides privacy and quiet reading space," Mary Weimar explained. Light maple furniture and large walls of glass create a bright, welcoming atmosphere. A fireplace surrounded by comfortable seating provides a relaxing reading area, while individual quiet study rooms, many study carrels, and large quiet

study room provide places for patrons of all ages to read and study.

Making the Move

But how does a library move its collection, and with a minimum of inconvenience for the public and the library staff? Such a move requires a moving company that understands the special needs of a library. "Midwest Moving was selected from a number of competing companies," Mary Weimar explained. "They did an incredible job of moving (Continued)



Is Your Business on the Move?

If your business is contemplating a move, now is the time to start making your moving plans!

Following are a few tips for getting ready to move your business:

- Develop a plan and timeline for notifying customers and clients of your new address and other contact information

- Involve your employees in the planning. Make sure that they understand the timeline of the move and how it may affect them
- Before calling a moving company for an estimate, decide what responsibilities you want your employees to assume for the move. Will the employees or the moving company will take responsi-

bility for tasks such as:

- Packing files
- Packing computers
- Labeling all boxes and furniture according to the employees and the floor plan for the new location

For professional advice on planning your business move, contact Midwest Moving and Storage at 1-888-722-MOVE (6683)

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Renovate My Family But Save My Stuff!

If you have ever watched any of the home makeover shows on TV, you may have wondered what happens to a family's belongings when their house is demolished. Midwest Moving and Storage knows, because they took care of the contents of the Rosier family's household during the



September 2004 filming of Fox TV's *Renovate My Family*.

According to Mike Jackson, Chief Financial Officer of Midwest Moving, "We packed all of the family's pos-

sessions from their home in Lemont, including furniture, clothing, electronics—the entire contents of the house. We stored everything in our Elk Grove storage facility for about three weeks and returned any of the belongings that the Rosier's still wanted after they were moved into their new home."

Why would a busy moving and storage company take on a challenge like this, free of charge?

Mike Jackson explained, "We believe in giving back to the community and this was an opportunity to do that. We know that a family's possessions are important to them and need to be safeguarded in any move, including an unusual move like this one."

(Orland Park Library continued) our collection and minimizing the amount of staff time required to re-organize materials when they arrived at the new building."

To do this, Midwest movers loaded entire shelves of books on mobile carts and shrink



wrapped the entire contents of the carts for the move. When the carts arrived at the new building, they were rolled to the appropriate, color-coded locations and unloaded onto the new shelves.

"Mike Jackson and all of the staff from Midwest Moving were so pleasant and accommodating," Mary Weimar noted. "They really knew their business and understood ours. We had planned for a seven day move, but Midwest finished the job in about four days. I couldn't have asked for a better experience."

Orland Park Public Library is located at 14921 Ravinia Avenue in Orland Park, Illinois. For more information, call 708-349-8138 or visit their website at www.orlandparklibrary.org.

