

Library moving to new home

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Beginning Monday, Feb. 16, the Lansing Library will be closed for the move into its new home at Indiana Avenue and School Street. It will be closed until the end of the month.

Librarian Joanne Jensen stated that residents with a library card are entitled to use any other library in Illinois. Also, if you have a book to return, please use the night deposit book drop at the new building.

Mrs. Jensen noted that even though the new library will have a much larger capacity, it won't be filled immediately. They will gradually be adding to the

book collection and furnishings will also be arriving throughout the month.

She also reported that they have had several inquiries for job, but they are not enlarging the staff.

The pre-school story hour usually scheduled at this time will be postponed until everything is settled. The new library is set to open March 1.

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Library Aims For New Site

LANSING — A new million dollar library is being considered for Lansing.

The Lansing Library Board has asked Paul Bartolina, director of the Lake County system, to serve as a consultant. He already has met with the board and toured the village with Mrs. Joanne Jensen, librarian.

Board president Lewis E. ...
"We're just at the discussion and investigation stage now. If the board decides in favor of the project, the final decision will be made by the residents through a referendum."

Mrs. Jensen said the present 60 by 72-foot library was considered adequate for the next 25 years when it was built in 1956. "No one had any idea the village's population would increase so rapidly."

THE LIBRARY has a capacity of 25,000 books but the National Library Association, Mrs. Jensen pointed out, recommends there should be a minimum of two books per person in the community. With the future growth of the village estimated conservatively at 50,000 and the present population estimated at 23,500, the library already is too small by that standard, Mrs. Jensen said.

An addition to the existing library would not be practical, she explained, since five houses beside the library would have to be removed. A new site would be selected instead.

Mrs. Jensen envisions the next library as a cultural center which not only would house books but have space for a record room, public typing room, art fairs, theater productions, and film programs.

If the project is approved, she said, the present library building would probably be sold and could be used for a medical center, bank, or offices.