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Roof work almost complete at Lewis Flom Library

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LANSING - If mother nature cooperates, the Lewis O. Flom Lansing Public Library will soon have its long-awaited new roof.

Library Director Jan Bojda said the roof would be completed before the end of October if the weather stays nice.

The work to replace the building's persistently leaky roof began Sept. 14. Bojda said workers from Bennett and Brosseau Roofing Inc., based in Kankakee, have almost finished tearing off the old roof and laying down the temporary one.

Once the temporary roof is dry, the new roof will be laid on top of it with the temporary roof material serving as insulation.

The new roof will put an end to the leaking that has plagued the library

over the past few years. The current roof dates back to when the building at 2750 Indiana Ave. was built about 17 years ago. Over \$50,000 has been spent on repairs since then.

Finishing the new roof won't mean work on the library is complete, however.

"Of course, we still have the ceiling to do once we're done with the roof," said Bojda, referring to damage the leaking roof caused to the library interior. "But that's the next project."

Lansing architect Ed Jugowski Jr., who was hired as a consultant to design the new roof, said bids for the ceiling work will be taken once the roof is finished and "we know for sure that all the leaks have stopped."

For now, both he and Bojda are just hoping the rain holds off until the roof is done. "We're keeping our fingers crossed," he said.



Times photo by David Durochik

Nailing down a sheet base on the roof of the Lewis Flom Public Library in Lansing is foreman Gary Robinson of Kankakee-based Bennett and Brosseau.

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