

Groundbreaking ceremony held for the Delmar Public Library expansion project

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The Delmar Public Library held its groundbreaking ceremony on Monday. The library is in the process of moving to a temporary location to allow for the renovation and expansion of the current facility.

“Our community has grown. There is a demand for the use of this building,” said Delmar (Del.) Mayor Michael Houlihan. “We have people that rely on the services provided by this building.”

“It’s a very exciting day for us. We’ve been looking forward to it for a long time,” Delmar Board of Library Commission President Beverly Wilson added. Wilson said the renovation will allow the library to better serve the community.

According to Representative Tim Dukes, nearly three quarters of the Delmar residents have library cards. As the town continues to grow, so does the need for the library’s services.

“Delmar has been known as the town ‘too big for one state’, it’s become the town too big for its library,” said Dukes.

Delaware Secretary of State Jeffrey



Delmar Public Library staff and board members and local politicians take part in the Delmar Public Library’s groundbreaking which took place earlier this week in preparation for renovation and expansion to the current building. Photo by Mike McClure

Bullock was also on hand for the ceremony. Bullock said Governor Jack Markell has spent more money on libraries than any other governor in the state’s history.

Delmar Public Library Director Susan Upole, announced that the library will move to 38481 Sussex Highway, the former Bull Feathers building, while work

is being done on the library. Upole said the library is hoping to be open in its new location by Nov. 11. The library’s phone number will remain active.