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**If you're brave enough to say goodbye,
life will reward you with a new hello." - Paulo Coelho**

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I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU SAY GOODBYE I SAY HELLO

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In the spirit of adaptation and growth, we find solace in the words of the classic Beatles song, "I don't know why you say goodbye, I say hello." While we bid farewell to our familiar surroundings, we eagerly anticipate the exciting opportunities that lie ahead. With a renewed commitment to providing an enhanced library experience, the Friends of Watchung Library are thrilled to support this endeavor and look forward to welcoming you back to a revitalized space.

Your continued support and enthusiasm mean the world to us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to embark on this journey together. As we navigate these changes, please stay connected with us for updates and ways to stay involved.

A FAIRY FAREWELL

Dearest Library Friends,

With a flutter of wings and a sprinkle of fairy dust, we, the enchanted residents of the Fairy Village, bid you a heartfelt farewell as we prepare to embark on our next great adventure. As whispers of renovation sweep through the library halls, we've decided it's time to pack up our tiny homes and make way for the new.

Oh, how bittersweet it is to leave behind the cozy nooks and secret hideaways we've lovingly crafted within your library's embrace. From the dappled sunlight filtering through the leaves to the hushed whispers of storytime, every moment spent here has been a treasure beyond compare.



But fear not, dear friends, for though we may be leaving, our spirits will forever linger in the laughter and imagination of those who have welcomed us with open hearts. Your kindness and warmth have been the fuel for our magic, and for that, we are eternally grateful.

As we spread our wings and journey towards new horizons, we carry with us the memories of our time in this enchanting haven. And as the dust settles and the renovations unveil a new chapter for the library, we eagerly await the wonders ahead.

So, to each and every one of you, we extend our sincerest thanks and fondest wishes. May your days be filled with the same sense of wonder and joy that you've shared with us, and may the magic of the Fairy Village live on in your hearts forevermore.

With love and gratitude,

The Fairy Residents of Watchung Library



MANNY'S MIRACLE CORNER

A NOTE FROM OUR BRANCH MANAGER - MANUELA MIRACLE



Dear Friends,

It is with great enthusiasm and a little bit of nostalgia that I share the following news with you. The Watchung Library will open its doors to the public for the last time on April 30 before moving to the temporary library location at 20 Stirling Rd. where we are slated to reopen on June 5 in preparation for the library renovation.

Having started my library career many years ago in Watchung, I have been saying good-bye to the current building in my own way; holding onto the stair banister a little more tightly and patting the building good-night on my way out.

The Watchung Library team would like to invite all of you to join us in saying so long to our beloved library by stopping in and signing the Circulation Desk which has faithfully served the Watchung public for over 30 years.

This renovation would not be possible without the support of our Friends, our Library Advisory Committee and our many dedicated patrons. In the past year I have been privileged to have a seat at the table as Mayor Jubin, the Borough Council and the Watchung Administrator worked to bring to life the plans, ideas and feedback received from committed citizens throughout the years as a renovation was considered. A year and a half from now I hope you will join me in reopening the library and continuing to make the Watchung Public Library the heart of this community.

The hours of the temporary location will be:

Monday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Thursday 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Friday CLOSED

Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

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