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**Borough of Bound Brook Plans to Address Remediation of
Bound Brook Memorial Library in 2025**

***Branch Remains Temporarily Closed Until Asbestos Remediation & ADA
Compliance Completed***

Bound Brook, NJ (January 14, 2025) – The Borough of Bound Brook announces that it intends to set aside funding in its 2025 budget to address asbestos remediation of the Bound Brook Memorial Library and ADA upgrades required by the Somerset County Library System. Until the necessary funding is secured and the mandatory updates made, Bound Brook Memorial Library located at 402 E High Street must remain temporarily closed and Somerset County Library services suspended.

The Borough of Bound Brook was recently advised that the Somerset County Library can no longer direct temporary resources to Bound Brook for alternate site outreach and will revisit a new contract once the Borough can provide a suitable location for this branch.

The Somerset County Library System and the Borough of Bound Brook entered into a 2005 agreement requiring various improvements to the building, including enhancements to establish a barrier free environment on the library's main floor.

“We are working through identifying the necessary funds to address the environmental issues and ADA upgrades at the Bound Brook Memorial Library,” said Jasmine McCoy, Business Administrator for the Borough of Bound Brook. “At the same time, we remain open to and are continuing efforts to partner with an appropriate temporary location in Bound Brook that could provide holistic library services while the asbestos issue at our branch is abated. We are committed to doing everything we can to resume local library services in Bound Brook and are thankful to the Somerset County Library System for all the assistance they have been providing to our community.”

Bound Brook Memorial Library shut its doors in October 2023 after the Borough was made aware of asbestos in the building, an unsafe environmental condition that requires professional abatement. During 2024, the Borough explored various funding opportunities and no funds were available for appropriation at the time.

During the summer of 2024, the Somerset County Library System was able to provide mobile services in the Borough of Bound Brook's Commuter Lot located near the train station. Additionally, during the fall of 2024 through January 2025 printing and internet



services that Bound Brook Memorial Library used to offer have been provided out of Bound Brook's Municipal Court. However, these services will end as of January 31 until further notice.

The Borough of Bound Brook has explored temporary locations to host library services until funding was made available to address asbestos remediation issues and ADA upgrades at its branch, but have so far been unsuccessful in its attempts. The Borough intends to address the library remediation needs in this 2025 budget year.

Pending an appropriate satellite branch location can be established, or until the remediation and ADA upgrades of Bound Brook Memorial Library is completed, the residents of Bound Brook will need to visit one of the other 10 active locations under the [Somerset County Library System](#). Those current open library branches are:

- Bridgewater Branch – 1 Vogt Drive, Bridgewater
- Hillsborough Branch – 379 South Branch Road, Hillsborough
- Manville Branch – 100 South 10th Avenue, Manville
- Montgomery Branch – 100 Community Drive, Skillman
- North Plainfield Branch – 6 Rockview Avenue, North Plainfield
- Somerville Branch – 35 West End Avenue, Somerville
- Warren Township Branch – 42 Mountain Boulevard, Warren
- Watchung Branch – 20 Stirling Road, Watchung
- Branchburg Reading Station – 412 Olive Street, Neshanic Station
- Washington Valley Reading Station – 196 Washington Valley Road, Martinsville

For assistance with general library inquiries residents can contact the Somerset County Library System by phone at 908-458-8415 or by email to ask@sclibnj.org. Additional information about the Somerset County Library System can be found by visiting <https://sclsnj.org>.

About Bound Brook: The Borough of Bound Brook is located in Somerset County, NJ along the Raritan River. Bound Brook's population is approximately 12,000. In 1681 a community was established in the area near the Bound Brook stream which flows into the Raritan River, and is the origin name for the Borough. The Betsy Ross Flag was first officially raised in 1777 by General Washington in the Camp of the Continental Army at Bound Brook and during the American Revolutionary War the Battle of Bound Brook took place on April 13, 1777. A number of sites in Bound Brook are on the National & New Jersey Registers of Historical Places including the Bound Brook Train Station, the Brook Theatre, and the Old Stone Arch Bridge. For more information visit our website at <https://boundbrook-nj.org>.

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