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Dallas Central Library Humanities Division to reopen Aug. 29

With an acre of space, it is the largest public service floor in the Central Library

Dallas, TX – After some extensive renovations, the Central Library’s Humanities Division will reopen Wednesday, Aug. 29. And with 45,000 square feet of space and more than a quarter million volumes, the new third floor is the largest public service floor with the largest collection in the downtown Library.

“The new third floor will have many unique features, including a News Center, housing our extensive collection of daily and Sunday local, state, regional and national newspapers,” said Central Library Administrator Kjerstine Nielsen. A wide screen television will feature CNN news and promote upcoming library programs, and four computers will be dedicated to online media and news.

“The Frances Sanger Mossiker Writers Study Room will now have space for up to four writers to spend three to six months researching for publication,” she said. The expanded writer’s room will also have private workstations with computer and internet access.

A total of 9,000 square feet of additional space will be devoted to public service materials and accessible shelving, an audiovisual area will incorporate all DVDs and books-on-CD, and a new elevator lobby showcase will provide space for small exhibits.

Other new features will include:

- The Studio: A meeting and performance space for public programs, meetings and training
- The Salon: A small area for gatherings, meetings and informal receptions for Studio events
- North on 3: A large wall space for exhibits relating to Humanities collections and subjects
- The Poetry Pillar: A public space in which patrons can share poems and read the work of others.
- The Play Pillar: News and reviews from the world of plays and playwrights

Funding for the third floor makeover was provided by Nancy B. Hamon and is a continuation of public (City of Dallas) and private partnerships to renovate the Central Library.

Subjects that can be found in the library’s Humanities section are: fiction and literary criticism; religion; philosophy and ethics; journalism and publishing; study of language and languages; foreign language fiction; writing and composition; newspapers; library and information science. Go to the Dallas Public Library website for more information about the [Humanities Division](#).

The Dallas Public Library operates the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library at 1515 Young St., and 25 branch locations. A library card is free for any Dallas resident. Go to the [Dallas Public Library](#) website for more information on the many free programs and services available at the library.

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