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**For immediate release:**

**Main Bayonne Library to Close For Summer on June 5;  
Library Services to Be Available at Story Court Branch**

The Bayonne Public Library advised residents that the main library at 31<sup>st</sup> Street and Avenue C will close for renovations during the summer, effective Monday, June 5. According to Interim Library Director Melody Scagnelli-Townley, “We will need to close our 31st St. library again, so that our boiler system can be completely deconstructed, removed, and replaced, and our elevator cab can be deconstructed and replaced.” She explained, “Unfortunately, these projects will take a long time and will be quite disruptive to our services. The 31st St. library will close again to the public on Monday, June 5, with Saturday, June 3 being its last day open to the public until the autumn. Once the 31st St. location closes for the summer, the temporary Story Court branch will be open the typical Monday to Thursday, 9:00

a.m. to 9:00 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. hours, except holidays.”

Scagnelli-Townley continued, “We will still offer many of the same services at Story Court that we offered at 31st St. including computer use, printing, and copying. Many of our books, including all of our newest 2022 and 2023 releases, will be available. More details will follow. We appreciate your patience during this renovation period and we can’t wait for you to see our newly refreshed space in the fall!”

The Story Court Branch is located at 16 West 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Story Court.

The renovations to the boiler system and the elevator are parts of a multi-phased series of library construction that began in February. At that time, the library announced that the renovations were expected to take ten months to complete. Work will continue into the autumn.