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Brighton District Library Introduces Brand New Backyard at Upcoming Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Brighton, MI – September 7, 2023 – The Brighton District Library is pleased to announce a ribbon cutting ceremony for our brand new backyard. Please join us in celebrating the new pavilion, garden, Learning Journey path, and the opening of Miss Carla's Reading House. During this event, we will also recognize individuals who supported and contributed to the success of these projects. Enjoy light refreshments with us on the pavilion on Friday, September 15 at 5:30pm for this special ceremony.

The new pavilion is 20 feet by 30 feet and houses patio furniture for community members to enjoy at their leisure. Since the pavilion's completion, the Library has held a handful of programs at it including our Pet Partners program with local therapy dogs, the BDL Philosophers' Club, and the Summer Reading Challenge finale concert with musician Beverly Meyer. We are appreciative to have this wonderful new structure to make our programs and campus even lovelier for Brighton residents.

Over the summer, you may have noticed that our garden has received improvements to make the outdoor space more inviting. We encourage the community to take the time to visit Millie's Garden and see the wonderful work and vibrant colors of the Brighton Garden Club's flowers. This summer, many families were able to enjoy the seasonal gnome hunt among the flowers as well.

These outdoor renovations were developed working with Michigan Landscape Professionals with the first phase completed this past fall, which included improved landscaping and maintenance to the Library's front entrance.

We hope you enjoy our new interactive, educational pathway that provides a variety of learning opportunities for you and your family as you enjoy the Library grounds: Brighton District Library's Learning Journey. Our Learning Journey overlooks the Parker Preserve, protected lands on our property. In addition, it connects patrons to Millie's Garden, the Library's pavilion, and Miss Carla's Reading House. You will notice the brand new musical instruments on the pathway around the Library which is only the beginning of our outdoor walkway.

Our Reading House has always been a family favorite at the Library. This summer, a brand new house was built and named in honor of our retired Head of Youth Services, Carla Sharp. Miss Carla's Reading House was built to be wheelchair accessible, so everyone can come in and spend some quality time reading.

As our mission states, we continue to "connect, grow, and discover...together." Our 2022-2023 Annual Appeal raised nearly \$43,000 with the majority of that funding earmarked to support these outdoor improvements. We are ever grateful to our donors. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to further build our beautiful corner of the Brighton community.

Join us at the Brighton District Library on September 15 at 5:30pm for this special ceremony. Call 810-229-6571 for more information. The Brighton District Library is located at 100 Library Drive, Brighton, MI 48116.