

Canton branch of Enoch Pratt Free Library to close for 2 years

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The Canton branch of Baltimore's **Enoch Pratt Free Library** will close at the end of January for a two-year renovation project.

The renovation of the 126-year-old library will include a new meeting room, furniture and circulation desk, additional computers and enhancements for wheelchair accessibility. Additional improvements will also be made to the exterior of the historic building. The library closes beginning Jan. 30.

During the renovation, library patrons can visit other nearby locations: Southeast Anchor Library at 3601 Eastern Avenue and the Patterson Park Branch at 158 North Linwood Avenue.

The Canton branch, located at 1030 South Ellwood Avenue, opened in 1886 and is the last remaining of the four original Pratt Branches.

"The Canton Branch is definitely one of Baltimore's gems," Carla D. Hayden, Chief Executive Officer of the **Enoch Pratt Free Library**, said in a statement. "For generations, families have enjoyed this library for story time, neighborhood events and now depend on it for free computer use. The renovations will preserve the Canton Branch and will ensure that it lasts another 125 years for generations of East Baltimoreans to enjoy."

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