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Historical Society of Washington, D.C. and DC Public Library Special Collections — Washingtoniana Moving as Apple Prepares Restoration of Historic Carnegie Library

WASHINGTON, DC: The Historical Society of Washington, D.C., announces its plans to relocate operations while its home in the Carnegie Library on Mt. Vernon Square is prepared for restoration.

Last fall the Historical Society, Events DC, and Apple Corporation began planning to restore the Carnegie Library as a combination educational and retail space at the heart of downtown. While the project proceeds through regulatory review, the Historical Society has agreed to move into the Newseum.

Currently the DC Public Library's Washingtoniana Collections is operating from the Historical Society while its home, the Martin Luther King Library, undergoes renovation. The library and the Historical Society have been sharing space to deliver services to the public. Those services will go on hiatus at the end of the day on Friday, July 7. Both reference collections will move to the Newseum, where services will resume in the early fall.

"The 114-year-old Carnegie Library building is one of the most important objects in our collections," said Executive Director John Suau. "Apple's sensitive and dynamic restoration plan will ensure that the building will be enjoyed by the public for another century. We are delighted to continue to offer services with DC Public Library while the restoration gets off the ground."

[Add quotes from DCPL, Apple?]

The Apple/Historical Society co-tenancy will bring the aging building back to life, notes Suau, and new state-of-the-art collections spaces will ensure the longevity of the Historical Society's collections. Most important for patrons and visitors, the cooperation with the Apple store will mean longer public hours with greater access to the collections and exhibitions.

An Act of Congress in 1999 gave the Historical Society a 100-year lease on the Carnegie Library building. The Apple restoration will provide the Historical Society and the city with a safe, secure, and accessible local landmark rich in DC history.

About

The Historical Society of Washington, D.C. is a community-supported educational and research organization that collects, interprets, and shares the history of our nation's capital. Founded in 1894, the Historical Society serves a diverse audience through its collections, public programs, exhibitions, and publications. The Historical Society's galleries and research library are located

in the historic Carnegie Library at Mt. Vernon Square, 801 K Street NW. To support exhibitions and related programming at the Historical Society and to learn more, please visit dchistory.org.

DC Public Library Special Collections — Washingtoniana

The District of Columbia Public Library is a dynamic source of information, programs, books and other library materials and services that improve the quality of life for District residents of all ages that, when combined with expert staff, helps build a thriving city. The Library provides environments that invite reading, community conversation, creative inspiration and exploration, lectures, films, computer access and use, workforce and economic development, story times for children, and much more. DC Public Library includes a soon-to-be-modernized central library and 25 neighborhood libraries and also provides services in nontraditional settings outside of the library buildings. DC Public Library enriches and nourishes the lives and minds of all District residents, provides them with the services and tools needed to transform lives, and builds and supports community throughout the District of Columbia. Established in 1905, the **Washingtoniana Collection** houses an array of resources and materials from the late 18th Century to the present, with a primary focus on the District. In addition to the resources below, the Washingtoniana Collection includes Prints and Photographs and the DC Community Archives.

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