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# Press Release

## Ida Public Library Announcing New Hours for 2011-2012 Fiscal Year

Belvidere, IL: April 6, 2011: The Ida Public Library Board has approved new operating hours for the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, which begins on May 1<sup>st</sup>:

Monday-Friday 10am-8pm & Saturdays 10am-5pm.

This is a reduction in hours from our current schedule (9am-9pm Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday). The library is reducing hours in response to decreased tax revenues and increased expenses. For example, the library will begin paying an approximately \$70,000 share of employee benefit costs in the upcoming fiscal year. The City of Belvidere has generously paid this share on the library's behalf for many years but cannot continue doing so.

In addition to reducing operating hours, the Board approved additional cuts including not filing one open full-time position and 3 summer part-time positions.

Director Debbie Bloom says, "While we have cut back our hours, we plan to maintain an excellent level of service for the Belvidere community. We understand this is a difficult economic time for all residents, businesses, and government bodies, and we look forward to continuing to serve the community."

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