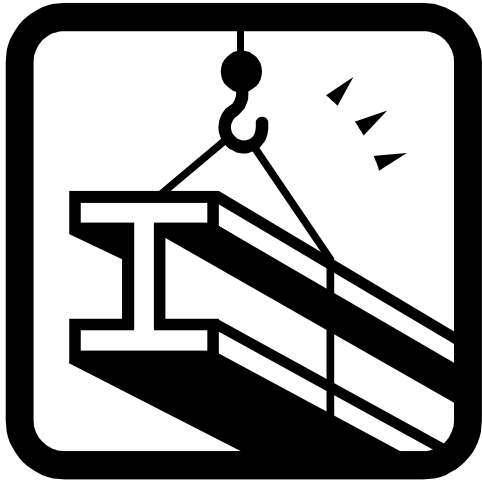


# Topping Off Ceremony



## for the **McKune Memorial Library!**

**Friday, January 27  
12:30 pm**

Held on site, off the Park St.  
Municipal Lot

Coffee, hot chocolate, and  
cookies will be available to  
help ward off the gray, winter  
chill!

Everyone can sign the beam  
before it is set in place!

Members of Pierce Lake  
Elementary's 3rd Grade will  
"order up" the final beam of  
steel.

### ***So, what is "topping off"?***

*There are many stories about the origins and traditions of this ceremony. One, asserts that steelworkers began the tradition to celebrate the hard work that brought the project to this point and to bestow good luck on future occupants.*

*A second story credits the celebration to 700 AD when Scandinavians topped new construction with sheaves of grain, again to bestow good luck.*

*And in yet a third, fourth and fifth story, which may be related to the second, steelworkers attach a pine tree to the steel beam to signify new growth (3rd) or a job well done (4th) or respect for nature's contribution (5th).*

*And finally, there's the American twist of attaching a flag to the beam.*

*We hope you can join us as we celebrate our progress and continued success with a topping off ceremony!*