

Media Release



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New Westminister Public Library main branch to temporarily close for renovations

New Westminister, BC: The New Westminister Public Library Main Branch, located at 716 6th Avenue, will be closed as of February 24, 2019 at 5:00 pm for renovations. This final phase of renovations will take five weeks, and will reopen on April 1, 2019. The full closure of the library will allow for construction of the entranceway, the removal of hoarding walls, the installation of new shelving, furniture, and equipment. This closure will allow the library renovations to be completed nearly two months ahead of schedule.

“We’re happy to share that the renovations are nearly complete and will be finished ahead of schedule,” said Julie Spurrell, Chief Librarian. “Due to the library closure, customers who check out any items after February 4th can enjoy those items for 10 weeks.”

Built in 1958, the library has served the community for over sixty years. These renovations will ensure the building meets the changing needs of our community, and that the library remains a welcoming space for readers, learners, creators and neighbours.

The completed renovation will include a number of components including a new technology lab, a new teen area, a new main-floor service desk, a new second floor meeting room, updated accessible washrooms, new electrical infrastructure, improved air circulation and distribution, new ceilings and refreshed interior finishes, new windows, and new LED lighting.

“This renovation has been a huge undertaking, and we’re excited to see the new features that will better serve the community,” said Mayor Jonathan X. Coté. “The library is more than a place to check out books, it’s a place to exchange ideas and for the community to gather, where neighbors can meet face to face.”

During this time the Queensborough Branch library will remain open with continued expanded hours. The Queensborough Branch has popular books, DVDs, music, children’s



materials, internet stations, and chromebooks. The library's e-collections and other digital resources will remain available 24/7.

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Read, watch or listen to the latest bestselling book, movie or music. Get reading and research advice. Increase your digital savviness. Find a space to study. Log on to a public computer. Access our wifi. Bring a child to storytime. Find it all at the New Westminister Public Library – nwpl.ca.

Locations

Main Branch Location
716 6th Avenue,
New Westminister, BC,
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Queensborough Location
920 Ewen Avenue,
New Westminister, BC,
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