



Date: November 15, 2018
To: Patrick H. West, City Manager *T.M.W.*
From: Glenda Williams, Director of Library Services *G.Williams*
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council
Subject: **Temporary Closure of Main Library**

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, the Main Library, 101 Pacific Avenue, will close in preparation for the opening of the new Main Library at 200 W. Broadway Avenue in summer 2019. This closure is necessary to prepare and move the library's extensive collection of books, media, periodicals, and special collections, including the Long Beach History Collection, Miller Room Fine Arts Collection, and the Petroleum Collection.

The closure will also allow Library Administration and Library Support Services to prepare to move into the new building. Additionally, the library's Automated Services Bureau, which provides library acquisitions and cataloging functions and is responsible for library-specific technology, will also need time to move and prepare the new building for opening.

During the closure, library materials may still be returned to the Main Library outside book drop and will be checked daily. Items may also be returned in person at any open Long Beach library location. The nearest neighborhood libraries are:

- Alamitos Library, 1836 E. 3rd Street
- Mark Twain Library, 1401 E. Anaheim Street
- Burnett Library, 560 E. Hill Street
- Bret Harte Library, 1595 W. Willow Street

During the Main Library closure, patrons will be able to place requests for books and other materials, and choose their temporary location for pick-up.

Notification to the public will be made through signs posted at the library, announcements on the Library's website (www.lbpl.org), and social media.

If you would like additional information, please contact me at (562) 570-6016.

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