

Aberdeen Timberland Library to Close for Repairs

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ABERDEEN, Wash. - The Aberdeen Timberland Library will be closed for a facility improvement project from Monday, July 30 through Saturday, August 11. "When the library reopens on Monday, August 13, members of the public will see repairs and upgrades made to the high traffic areas of the library including the public restrooms, carpet, and wall surfaces," said Aberdeen Timberland Library Manager Christine Peck. Materials checked out at the Aberdeen Timberland Library since Monday, July 9 are not due until August 13. The library, built in 1966, had a major renovation in 2000. The current project addresses some of the wear and tear to the building during the past twelve years, upgrades HVAC controls and ventilation in selected areas, and adds additional lighting in the audio visual and oversize collection areas, two dark corners where the collection has been hard to see, Peck said. Patrons will appreciate that as well as the repairs and upgrades to the restrooms and the clean and fresh look to carpet and wall surfaces. Architect Will Foster from the firm of Street, Lundgren, and Foster in Montesano has put the plan together.

Rognlin's, Inc. of Aberdeen will complete the following improvements:

- Repair and upgrades to public restrooms including new automatic hand dryers & faucets; new counter tops and mirrors;
- Replacement of carpet in high traffic areas including the main computer area;
- Repair and upgrades to wall surfaces in high traffic areas including additional wall and corner guards & painting;
- Upgrades to fans and duct work in two meeting rooms, magazine/newspaper area, public restrooms, and the library manager's office, plus installation of new digital HVAC controls;
- Installation of additional lighting in selected areas. The computer work station panels will also be repaired and cleaned.

Library services during the closure Patrons may continue to return materials to any book drop outside the library. Staff will empty book drops each day Monday through Saturday. Materials checked out at the Aberdeen Timberland Library since Monday, July 9 are not due until August 13. If books and other library items that Aberdeen library patrons had placed on hold arrive during the closure, they will be brought to the Hoquiam Timberland Library for people to pick up. Alternatively, people may change the pickup location to another library before the closure. Library staff will be happy to help with this procedure. Items still on the holds shelves at the Aberdeen library on the last open day, Saturday, July 28, will also be sent to the Hoquiam library. Patrons who are unable to make it to Hoquiam will find their holds back at the Aberdeen library from when it reopens, through Saturday, August 18. For face-to-face library services during the closure, the Hoquiam, Westport, Montesano and all other Timberland libraries will welcome visitors from Aberdeen. Children may also visit Library in the Parks sites at Aberdeen City Parks to check out books and participate in games and activities. Library in the Parks, paid for by the Grays Harbor Community Foundation Marian Weatherwax Endowment, runs from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The last day for Library in the Parks is August 16. Mondays Finch Park Tuesdays North End Park Wednesdays West End Park Thursdays Pioneer Park

Project cost and funding The bid for the project was awarded to Rognlin's by the City of Aberdeen for \$97,975. The funding comes from the Grays Harbor Community Foundation Kathryn N. Sherk Bequest, the Weatherwax Charitable Remainder Trust, the Timberland Regional Library District, and the Don Ratke Estate.

When the library reopens In addition to enjoying the fresh appearance, upgraded bathrooms, and the comfort created by the

improvements, visitors will be able to view some new art. Watercolors by Ken Mitchell commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Civil War will be displayed in the library gallery. The Summer Reading Program will continue at the library as well. Children may turn in their reading records for coupons and a free book courtesy of the Friends of the Aberdeen Library. A special Summer Reading Celebration will happen on Tuesday, August 21, from 10 a.m. to noon with games, activities, prizes and refreshments. The Aberdeen Timberland Library is located at 121 E Market Street. For more information and assistance people may contact the library at (360) 533-2360, telephone the Timberland Regional Library Central Reference Service at 1-800-562-6022, or go to www.TRL.org.