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**Main Library – Temporary Closure for Renovation and Maintenance**

**New Braunfels, Texas** - The main library, on Common Street, will be closed from Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> to facilitate several renovation projects and maintenance. The RIOmobile and the Westside Community Center library will be open, and additional service hours will be added to the Westside library branch during this period.

The Westside library will be open Monday May 21<sup>st</sup> through Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. On Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, it will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. On Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, all facilities will resume their regular schedules. All facilities will be closed on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

Work at the main library will include replacing the lobby lighting, transitioning the fixtures from halogen bulbs to LED lights. This will save thousands of dollars in energy costs and maintenance fees and improve the quality of the lighting overall.

The children's area will have a door added for direct access to the meeting room and the City is also replacing all the aging public computers, and some of the associated servers, to improve public computing capability.

"These projects are essential to the proper operation of the library and are going to make our summer run much more smoothly. The computer upgrade has been needed for a while, but it is a major project that is difficult to complete while the building is open to the public," said Library Director Gretchen Pruett. "We are hoping to minimize the impact to our customers by operating out of the Westside Library this week, keeping it open the same hours as the main facility is normally."

While the main collection cannot be accessed in person, library customers are encouraged to put desired items on hold, and they will be pulled and transported to the Westside library the following day. Any holds not picked up by Saturday morning will be moved back to the main library by noon that day. Library staff will be answering the phones to assist customers as well as working on collection maintenance and continuing education during the renovation period.

For more information about the closure, contact Library Director Gretchen Pruett at 830.221.4300.

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