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## Spearwood Library to get fresh new design

A redesign of space during a major refurbishment at Spearwood Library will create zoned areas to meet the changing and varied needs of today's users.

The library will close for five weeks to complete the \$280,000 project, with work starting Monday, 29 January and reopening on Tuesday, 6 March.

City of Cockburn Library Services Manager Linda Seymour said the fresh new design would create more space for seating and meeting places.

"The new design will meet the increased demand for physical space in libraries due to the multiplicity of people's needs such as WiFi access, group meeting places and study areas," Mrs Seymour said.

"We will achieve vibrancy and colour through carpet replacement and new furniture in what will be the first renovations since 2008.

"New ergonomic library shelving will have a smaller footprint than existing shelving, and will be mobile to easily meet the library's changing needs over time."

The installation of a meeting room will provide space for exciting presentations and programs such as Coderdojo, a computer programing club for young people, and the popular Lego Club.

A new small room will help deliver a Justice of the Peace service, Read Write Now literacy tutoring and a Tax Help service.

A small section of the existing magazine room will be enclosed in glass to create a quiet reading area, a facility that has been requested in surveys by library users due to the extra noise generated at children's story time and pram jam sessions.

During the closure, the City's Success and Coolbellup libraries will be available to Spearwood library lovers, including for story time and pram jam events.

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WiFi access will still be available in the popular courtyard outside Spearwood Library and borrowed items can still be returned via the library's A/H chute, or returned to Success or Coolbellup libraries.

All items borrowed from Spearwood Library during January will have an extended loan period, until Friday, 9 March.

## AT A GLANCE

Spearwood Library will be closed 29 January- 6 March for renovations. When it reopens it will have:

- A fresh new interior
- More training facilities
- A dedicated quiet reading room
- A fun space for children
- More lounge and study areas
- To find out more visit
  <u>https://www.cockburnlibraries.com.au/blog/spearwood-library-closing-</u>
  <u>refurbishment/</u>

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