



Capitola Closure FAQ's

When will the Capitola Library close for construction?

The Capitola Library will officially close for construction on May 1st. However, the last day the library will be open for business will be Saturday April 28.

How long will the Capitola Library be closed?

The official estimate for construction time is 18 months to 2 years. We do not yet have an official date for a Grand Opening.

Why are we building a new Capitola Library?

The Capitola Library is currently housed in a temporary structure that has outlasted its lifetime by about 16 years. The City of Capitola has been planning to build a new library for many years and has set aside former redevelopment money to contribute to the project. In June 2016, voters passed Measure S, which funds library building projects through a parcel tax. With this tax money, we are finally able to give Capitola the 21st Century Library building it deserves.

Where will I pick up my holds?

You can change your hold pickup location to any other branch in the library system when requesting items online.

Be sure you pick up all books and media held for you at the Capitola Library before its last open day on April 28th. Any holds remaining at the Capitola Library at the end of the day will be transferred to the Aptos Branch.

Where can I drop off my books and media for return?

You may drop off books and media for return at any branch library. For your convenience, starting May 1, you may also drop off your returns at the Jade St. Community Center, 4400 Jade St., where the library will station a book return drop.

Where can I access Library Services?

You can access library services from any branch library during open hours, by phone at 831-427-7713, or by emailing elibrary@santacruzpl.org. Many of our collections for entertainment and research are available online via our website at santacruzpl.org.

We have added two additional Bookmobile stops in proximity to the library. The Bookmobile will visit the Live Oak Senior Center every other Tuesday 2:15-3:00pm starting May 1st, and the Mid-County Senior Center every other Wednesday 3:00-3:45 starting May 9th. Tales to Tails programming will move to the Aptos Library and take place 1st and 3rd Mondays 3:30pm - 4:30pm, and every 1st Saturday of the month 10:30am - 11:30am. Starting in June, Preschool Storytime will take place at the Porter Memorial Library Fridays 11:00am to 12:00pm, and MAKE & Explore will be held at the Children's Museum of Discovery in the Capitola Mall on Fridays 2:00pm - 4:00pm.

What will happen to the staff?

All staff at the Capitola Branch will be reassigned to nearby branches. You may see familiar faces when you visit a new branch

What will happen to the books?

The collection of books and media at Capitola is currently being evaluated and the best items are being reassigned to other branches. The Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries will hold a big book sale *in the branch* after it has closed on May 19th and 20th, before demolition begins. Everything, including furniture and fixtures, will be for sale.