



MAIN LIBRARY CLOSURE FAQS

- **Why is the Main Library closing?**

Beginning June 20, 2024, the Main Library will undergo a major renovation and transformation to preserve and enhance library facilities and services for the entire community. During this time, the Main Library will be reimagined with a new interactive children's learning area, modern building mechanicals, a complete restoration of its Italian marble façade, and a return to the building's original design intention and layout. This restoration project will breathe new life into the Main Library, preserving its mid-century charm while introducing modern amenities and improved accessibility.



- **How long will the Main Library be closed?**

This Library is expected to reopen to the public in Spring 2026. Once construction begins, the community will be invited to an upcoming groundbreaking ceremony and a grand opening celebration. Visit our website for updates on this project.

- **Are there alternative locations where I can access library services?**

Beginning June 24, 2024, the Newhope Branch Library will add eight additional hours per week. Library Services and programs will also be available at various community centers throughout Santa Ana including Jerome, Roosevelt, Garfield, and El Salvador Community Center. In addition, the Knowledge Mobile will be at various stops throughout the community, offering books, resources, programs, and services. A new library branch inside the Delhi Community Center is also expected to open in early 2025 and an innovative Outdoor Public Library in Jerome Park is anticipated for the Spring of 2025.

- **Can I still return library materials and pick up holds during the closure?**

The Main Library will accept book returns until August 1. The Newhope Library will continue to provide holds, receive book returns and offer a full array of programs and services to the community. Starting July 1, patrons can also return library materials and pick up holds at various community centers throughout Santa Ana including Jerome, Roosevelt, Garfield, and El Salvador Community Center. Knowledge Mobile staff can also place holds for patrons, but due to space limitations, holds cannot be picked up at bookmobile stops.

- **Where can I go to access public computers and printing?**

In addition to the Newhope Library, beginning July 1, public computers and printing will be available at various community centers including Jerome, Roosevelt and Garfield Community Center.

- **Will I still incur fines for late returns during the closure?**

No. The Santa Ana Public Library has been fine-free since 2021. Patrons are still responsible for returning all items they borrow to avoid charges for lost items and materials.



- **Can I access online resources and e-books while the Main Library is closed?**

Yes. The eLibrary will continue to offer eResources, including eBooks, audiobooks, and videos.

- **Will the Library offer programs and events during the closure?**

Yes. In-person and virtual programs will be available at no cost to the community. In-person programming will be held at the Newhope Library and other locations, including Jerome Park, El Salvador Community Center, Garfield Community Center, Roosevelt-Walker Center, Knowledge Mobile stops. Once they open to the public, the Outdoor Library at Jerome Park and Delhi Library will also offer programs and events. Check our calendars online to view any upcoming virtual programs.

- **Will the closure affect my ability to access historical research materials?**

Library patrons will continue to have access to online databases and research materials. The Santa Ana History room will remain closed during the renovation, but special programming will be conducted periodically. Please call (714) 647-5280 for more information.

- **Can I still apply for a library card or renew my existing card during the closure?**

Yes. You can sign up for a library card at the Newhope Library branch, any of Knowledge Mobile's stops, along with El Salvador Community Center, Garfield Community Center, Jerome Center, and Roosevelt-Walk Center. See our website for library locations and service hours. A library card is free for all California residents. You can request a temporary online card through our online borrower registration page.

- **Will the Library sell any surplus furniture when the Library closes for construction?**

Surplus Library furniture in good and usable condition will be available to purchase online at <https://www.govdeals.com/santaana> from 7/1/2024 - 7/10/2024

- **How will the Main Library Renovation impact access to books and materials?**

During Main Library's closure and renovation, access to Library collections will be limited. Please visit Newhope Library, the Knowledge Mobile or online at the eLibrary for to access to Library collections including books, eResources and all other materials.

- **How can I contact library staff for assistance or inquiries during the closure?**

Please call the Newhope Library at 714-647-6992 or use our online contact form.

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