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Rolleston Library to close for renovation

Rolleston library will be closed temporarily for the first two weeks in December to allow its interior to be renovated to create more space for reading, events, new books and other resources.

“The current library is servicing a much larger population than it was built for and the refit aims to make the best use of the space available in the library building,” says Selwyn Libraries Manager Vicki Carlyon.

When the library opened in 2000, Rolleston’s population was under 2,000. The town now has a population of almost 12,000. A new library building is proposed for the future as part of plans for the development of the Rolleston Town Centre over the coming years.

“As part of the current renovations the existing issues desk and the Council service counter at the library will be removed to create more space for people to use for reading, research and for library events and programmes,” says Ms Carlyon.

“These changes will also allow more books to be displayed so that library users have a greater range of books to choose from.”

The issues desk will be replaced with a smaller issues counter and a self-issue machine will also be installed early next year. Bright new furniture will also be installed which can be used for reading and research.

Selwyn Libraries are starting the process of implementing RFID, a wireless technology. Library staff will start tagging all items in the Rolleston Library collection with RFID tags while the library is closed temporarily. The tags replace the current barcodes and will make it easier and faster for library users to scan and check out books.

Once the renovation is completed, Council service centre functions will move to the Council’s Rolleston Headquarters. The headquarters are less than a kilometre away and offer customers a wider range of services, including building and resource consent services as well as the AA agency. The existing Council service desk at Rolleston library was not well used, with an average of less than four people using the desk a day.

The library will close from Monday 1 December and will reopen on Monday 15 December. While the closure occurs, the mobile library will be making regular visits to the Rolleston Community Centre car park to enable people to check out books. A mobile library timetable showing when visits occur is available online at www.selwynlibrary.co.nz. Rolleston residents can also visit the nearby Lincoln Library to use library services, or other Selwyn Libraries at Darfield and Leeston. Library books can be returned to the returns slot at Rolleston Library.

Online library services such as the library catalogue, online databases, e books and Zinio magazines will continue to be available as normal during the temporary library closure. While the library is closed temporarily, the rest of the Rolleston Community Centre will be open with normal hours.

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Photo attached: Rolleston Library staff are looking forward to the renovations at the library which will provide more space for people to use for reading and research, for library events and book displays.

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