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## **Lincoln Library Blessed**

The new Lincoln Library has been officially blessed and work is continuing to prepare the building for opening.

The library was blessed this morning at a dawn ceremony involving representatives from Te Taumutu Runanga, the Mayor, library staff and other guests. The ceremony involved a sod originally dug before construction of the library began being returned to a planter box at the site and a blessing of the building.

Next week, library staff will start to transfer books from the current library to the new building. To allow this work to happen the current library will close from Wednesday 22 January – Saturday 25 January. The Council's mobile library will be visiting Lincoln on Wednesday 22 January from 3-4pm and on Thursday 23 January from 9.30 – 11am so that people can still pick up and drop off books during the closure.

Library services will continue to be available from 27 January onwards through regular visits from the mobile library service until the new library building is opened to the public.

An official opening of the new library is expected to take place in early February. Further information on the opening will be released when the library building is completed.

The new \$3.3 million library and service centre building is more than three times the size of the current library and is located on Gerald Street, beside the current library. The new building will meet all seismic design standards. The design includes additional space for library services and more space to hold community events and programmes.

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