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Library refurbishment to begin

The long anticipated refurbishment of Invercargill City Libraries and Archives on Dee Street is to begin next month.

The project, which will be undertaken in four stages, will begin with the renovation of Information Services with works starting on 7 May.

Libraries and Archives Manager Marianne Foster said the Information Services resources, such as computers for public use, would be relocated to the meeting room on the first floor while renovations were undertaken.

“All efforts are being made to ensure as little disruption to services as possible,” Ms Foster said.

“We are very excited that work is about to begin. We have world-class staff working to provide the best service possible to all library users, and it will be wonderful to have our building modernised and upgraded to help us provide that service.”

While every effort was being undertaken to ensure the library remained open, some closures would be needed.

The contractor has indicated that the building may need to be closed on 13 and 14 May. All future closures of the building would be well notified and advertised, Ms Foster said.

The renovation of the Information Services area is expected to take about six weeks.

The second stage of the project will be the upgrade of Adults’ Services, which will be temporarily located at Children’s Services while work is undertaken.

More information about potential disruption to services will be made available closer to the time.

The tender for the project was won at \$1.4million, and is expected to take about seven months to complete.

For more information on what services are available, visit <http://ilibrary.co.nz/library-renovation-project/>

If anyone has questions about how an event or service may be affected, please contact the library helpdesk on (03) 211 1444 or by email help@ilibrary.co.nz

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