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Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library Closes Temporarily for Fire Suppression System Replacement

ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FL — 9/1/18 — The Ponte Vedra Beach Branch Library, 101 Library Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach, is set to temporarily close at 6:00 pm on Friday, November 2, 2018.

The 24,800 square foot library, which opened in 1993, will undergo a project to replace all fire sprinkler pipes and fixtures throughout the building and library exterior. Because this project addresses the entire building's fire suppression system, the branch must remain closed to staff, volunteers, and patrons through its duration. Work is anticipated to last 3-3 ½ months with an expected reopen date in March, 2019.

Amy Ring, Ponte Vedra Beach Library Branch Manager, says, "We understand the disruption in local service this closure will cause. We hope our patrons will take advantage of the great electronic collections we offer for borrowing and use the temporary location we have arranged to check out physical items."

This closure will not impact the library's role as an early voting site or Election Day polling place for the 2018 General Election. The Friends of the Library Community Room in the southern end of the library branch will remain open as an early voting location through 6:00 pm, Saturday, November 3, 2018. The same space will also be available on Election Day, November 6, 2018, for voters registered in Precinct 401 from 7 am to 7 pm. Entry for voting will be located on the southeast side of the library in the regular location.

During the closure, patrons will be able to request items and check them out from a temporary storefront located at the Tax Collector's Annex, 5430 Palm Valley Road. Located less than 3 miles south of the library branch, this temporary location will provide convenient access for patrons to borrow items they have requested and return items during open hours. The temporary storefront will be open Monday through Friday from 11 am to 6 pm, and 11 am to 4 pm on Saturdays. Patrons are advised that an after-hours bookdrop will not be provided.

For additional details and further announcements, please visit the library's closure information page,

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