

Effective Saturday, November 26 the Bella Coola library will be closed temporarily until the new location in the Co-op building on MacKenzie Street is operational. Vancouver Island Regional Library is working diligently to have the new branch open as soon as possible. The official opening date will be announced as soon as it is known.

Vancouver Island Regional Library recently signed a lease with the Bella Coola Consumers Cooperative Association and had hoped to extend the rental agreement with the owners of its current Cliff Street location; however, the library has not been successful and has to leave the building.

We are disappointed we have not been able to arrange a mutually agreeable extension of the current month-to-month rental arrangement with our current landlords to continue library services until our new premises are ready for occupation. We have no other option but to close the library until we can move into our new location, which requires electrical and other upgrades to meet library standards.

The library space in the Co-op building is larger and will provide designated areas for quiet study, for reading, for children and for teens.

An electronic commons will include computer stations, stand-alone catalogue station, express check out station, and a photocopy machine.

Library users are encouraged to borrow as many materials as they would like to read during the period of closure. Fines will be waived to accommodate this extra long borrowing period.

Thank you for your understanding.



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