

Frequently Asked Questions for Fairview's Temporary Closure

When are you closing and for how long?

We will be temporarily closing on Monday, June 1. The closure will last approximately 9-12 months.

Why are you closing?

Fairview will be temporarily closing for major improvements and upgrades, as part of the Santa Monica Public Library Improvements Project.

Where's the money for this project coming from?

The Santa Monica Public Library Branch Improvements Project is funded by the City of Santa Monica. The Fairview Branch temporary closure for improvements completes this project, which began with the Ocean Park Branch in 2011 and continued with the Montana Branch in 2012.

What kinds of improvements can we expect to see?

Improvements to the interior of the building include new carpeting and paint throughout the library, an installation of central air conditioning, improved interior lighting, new shelving for adult books and media collections, a new configuration for the adult computers, added book displays, a more efficient service desk, more self-checkout stations, and easier access to the handicapped restrooms in the community room.

What will happen to the adult programs and weekly groups that use the Community Room?

Library staff is working with adult programs that comply with the Library Program policy to explore other library locations. Weekly groups that do not comply with the Library programs policy have been granted a temporary exception by the Library Board and have been offered a monthly program spot at another SMPL library location (as well as trying to find additional times that may vary based on availability) for the period of six months. During the six months, groups will be asked to designate one representative to work with the assigned branch manager to ensure that the program complies with the Library program policy and assess whether the program can exist as a co-produced program beyond the six-month exception.

I'd like to propose a program idea for when Fairview re-opens. How can I do that?

The library has a formal program proposal process in place that reviews, assesses, and vets programs system-wide. The first step is to fill out and email your program proposal using the proposal guidelines at: http://smpl.org/Propose_A_Program.aspx. Programs are reviewed on a quarterly basis and submission deadlines are posted on the webpage.

I'm looking for Meeting Room space similar to Fairview's Community Room. Where can I find that?

The Main Library and other Branch Libraries offer rental meeting rooms with varying room setups and capacities. These rooms are rented for a fee and can be reserved up to two months in advance by contacting the library directly. More information on the Library's meetings can be found at: http://smpl.org/Meeting_Rooms.aspx.

Other properties that offer community rooms are St. Monica Catholic Church and the Colorado Center. Additional non-library meeting room alternatives can be found at: <http://smpl.org/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=52392>

Where will all of the staff go?

Permanent and as-needed staff will be working at other library locations in Santa Monica during the closure.

What will happen to my holds?

Holds placed for pickup at the Fairview Branch will automatically change to the Pico Branch location. This change will be effective Friday, May 29. Unless a patron manually changes their pick-up location, all holds placed for pickup at Fairview will move to the Pico Branch.

Can I still return items at the Fairview book drop?

Yes, the Fairview Branch book drop will be open during the entire time of the improvements project. As a reminder, these book drops are emptied daily. Please follow the due date on your receipt, and return your materials on time to avoid any late fees.