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### **Spokane Public Library to reopen Central Library on July 11**

After two years of being closed for renovation, Spokane Public Library is hosting a grand reopening celebration for Central Library (906 W. Main) on July 11 from 9am to 3pm. Tour the renovated library, grab lunch from local food trucks on-site, and attend a variety of events throughout the day.

A ribbon cutting ceremony will start at 9am by the northside entrance on Spokane Falls Blvd. Hear from Mayor Woodward, City Council President Breean Beggs, Senator Andy Billig, Washington State Librarian Sara Jones, and more. A Vietnamese Lion Dance performance by the Vietnamese Youth Association will follow the ribbon cutting and lead guests into the library.

#### **Grand Reopening Schedule:**

- Speakers & ribbon cutting from 9-10am
- Food trucks on Spokane Falls Blvd from 10am-3pm
- Tours @ 10am, 11am, 12pm, 1pm, 2pm (starting on the 1st floor)
- Storytime Play & Learn for kids @ [10:30am](#) and [12pm](#) (Events B - 1st Floor)
- [Live performance by Erin Parkes](#) in nx<sup>w</sup>yx<sup>w</sup>yetk Hall from 10am-12pm (3rd floor)

#### **New Features of the Central Library Include:**

Recording Studio, Video Studio, New Leaf Café, Inland Northwest Special Collections, River Rumpus Children's Playspace, KYRS Broadcasting, Computer Lab, Business Lab, Friends of the Library Bookstore, Social Stair, 10 free and reservable meeting rooms, and, of course, books, movies, & more!

"The reopening of Central Library is an exciting day for the community. It represents the culmination of many years of community input and voter support," said Executive Director Andrew Chanse. "We are excited for the community to experience all that Central Library has to offer."

Central Library is reopening following a two-year renovation resulting from a voter-approved \$77 million bond in 2018 that has built three new libraries and renovated three existing libraries, including the Central Library.



### **About Spokane Public Library**

Spokane Public Library aims to inspire a thriving city through cultural and educational opportunities. An award-winning library that spans seven locations and houses nearly half-a-million items, Spokane Public Library circulates nearly two million items and welcomes one million visitors annually. Customers can enjoy traditional library media and can also access digital downloads, databases, historical collections, art exhibits and interesting free programming.

For general information about the library, please visit [spokanelibrary.org](http://spokanelibrary.org) or call 509-444-5300.