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Community Celebration Planned for Summer

The new Sequim Library, located at 630 N. Sequim Ave., will open to the public Saturday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Community members are invited to stop by to explore the new building, sign up for library cards and check out materials. Additional services and programs will roll out in the coming weeks, including reservations for study and meeting rooms. A community celebration is planned for later this summer.

Library staff will be offering public tours of the new building on March 24, 26 and 28 at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. No reservations are needed. Tours will begin in the community meeting room.

“We have been anticipating this date for a long time and I can’t express how thrilled we are to finally open the doors,” said Noah Glaude, Executive Director of the North Olympic Library System. “After receiving a permit from the City of Sequim on March 11 allowing us to let the public on site, we’re opening as quickly as possible so people can begin using and enjoying the

library. We look forward to celebrating with the entire community at a big event during our Summer Reading Program, with live music and other free activities.”

General Contractor Hoch Construction officially broke ground April 24, 2024. In February 2026, Sequim Library staff moved tens of thousands of books and materials into the new building from the temporary library, and have been preparing to resume regular services.

Library patrons will be able to enjoy the space while several building projects are still underway. Contractors will be completing final items such as installing a cedar sun shade on the east window wall, irrigation updates and additional landscaping over the next few months, as the weather warms.

“While the project took longer than originally planned, we’re very pleased with the craftsmanship Hoch Construction and local subcontractors have brought to the work,” Glaude said. “We’re proud of the result and confident it will serve Sequim well for many years to come.”

The new library building was funded through timber revenue, community donations and state grants. The construction was paid for through the NOLS capital budget, not by the library levy.

“I can’t wait to see our regular patrons and new library users come through the doors for the first time,” said Emily Sly, Sequim Library Manager. “This building was designed for our community based on decades of observing how patrons use their library, whether that’s finding a quiet place to focus, curling up with a good book or attending one of our free events. We’re especially excited about the new children’s area, a dedicated space just for teens, and the variety of free meeting room spaces.”

Following the March 21 opening, regular hours will resume at the new library: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Holds pickup will continue at the temporary location, 609 W. Washington St., Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 2-5 p.m., through March 19. Returns can be made anytime at the temporary location through March 21.

Details about the summer community celebration will be announced at a later date.



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The Children's Area in the new Sequim Library.

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