



The Prince George Public Library

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MEDIA RELEASE

Fire at Hart Shopping Centre Temporarily Closes Library

Nechako Branch will be closed until at least early next week

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PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. – Nechako Branch of the Prince George Public Library is closed until further notice as a result of the fire at Spicy Greens on Tuesday, June 12th. The branch is located next door to Spicy Greens in the Hart Shopping Centre, and sustained smoke damage as well as minor damage from operations by Prince George Fire Rescue. The closure impacts 6,400 patrons and eight staff members.

Due to smoke damage, all of the ceiling tiles at the branch are being replaced. Before the branch can reopen, further restoration and janitorial work needs to be completed. Air quality testing is scheduled for early next week.

There are 25,500 items housed at Nechako Branch, including books, audiobooks, DVDs and other materials. Library and City of Prince George staff are working to determine what steps, if any, need to be taken to restore the collection. At the moment, none of the items at Nechako Branch are available for borrowing.

There isn't a firm timeline for when the branch will reopen. Patrons can find Prince George Public Library staff in the parking lot at Hart Shopping Centre today, Thursday, June 14th from 2:00pm to 10:00pm, and on Friday, June 15th from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Staff will be available to provide basic service, excluding lending materials. They will provide information, and can assist with placing holds and renewing items. Patrons should look for the library's blue and purple van.

The library's leadership team and staff appreciate the efforts of members of Prince George Fire Rescue in preventing the fire from spreading to the branch.

About the Prince George Public Library

The Prince George Public Library (PGPL) is a publicly funded library system located in the City of Prince George. Between its two branches, PGPL serves 54,921 cardholders. For more information visit www.pgpl.ca.

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