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Central Library, Bexleyheath temporary closure

Central Library, Bexleyheath will close from 5.30pm on 3 January 2018 until 1 February for essential improvement works and the installation of a new Changing Places toilet, the first of its kind in the borough.

Changing Places provide people with profound and multiple learning disabilities, as well people with other physical disabilities, with a safe place with extra equipment and space to allow them to use toilets comfortably. The new Changing Places room will have external access from Royal Oak Road.

Other works in the library will include minor refurbishment to improve facilities, provide bigger meeting rooms and refresh the look and feel of the library.

The closure will also provide the opportunity to address some current drainage issues.

Cabinet Member for Community Safety, Environment and Leisure, Cllr Peter Craske said; "Central Library is our flagship library and, although we know it will be missed during these works, I'm sure users would agree that it is for a very good reason. Having a new Changing Places space in our main town centre is a great idea and will benefit visitors not only to the library but to our town centre. It would be remiss of us not to take the time during the closure to give the building a bit of a freshen up! Luckily it will be open and looking good in time for our first ever book festival in February."

The library will re-open at 9:30am on Thursday 1 February 2018. Welling Library will be open on Sunday from 10am to 1pm during the closure.

While the library is closed all items borrowed from Central Library can be returned to any Council Library in Bexley, renewed by telephone on 020 8303 7777 or online at www.bexley.gov.uk/libraries

The nearest Council Library to Central is Welling Library, Townley Road, Bexleyheath, DA6 7HJ. Opening hours for this and all Bexley Libraries can be found on our Bexley Libraries website <https://arena.yourlondonlibrary.net/web/bexley/home>

BookBuzz, Bexley's first book festival will take place across the borough from 10 - 24 February.

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