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Central Public Library to Temporarily Close for Major Infrastructure Renovation

Fresno County, CA – After more than six decades of continuous service to the community, the Central Library of the Fresno County Public Library system will temporarily close to undergo a comprehensive infrastructure renovation designed to preserve and modernize the signature downtown facility.

Due to the size of the building and the scope of the improvements, the closure is currently estimated to last between 18 and 24 months, with the last day of service on Sunday, February 15th. As with all large scale construction projects, timelines are subject to adjustment as work progresses.

“These upgrades are about ensuring that this facility can continue to support public services for many years to come,” said Sally Gomez, County Librarian and Director of the Fresno County Public Library. “Investing in our infrastructure reflects our responsibility to maintain public spaces that are functional, sustainable, and responsive to the evolving needs of our community.”

Opened in 1959, the Central Library has served generations of Fresno County residents and remains one of the largest public library facilities in the County system. At approximately 82,000 square feet, the building functions not only as a public library, but also as the administrative and operational center for the 33-branch library system. Materials are received, processed, and distributed from this location, and maintenance, administrative, and business support functions serving libraries throughout Fresno County are centralized within this facility

The building also houses the San Joaquin Valley Library System, which provides cooperative services across the region, including maintaining internet connectivity for library branches throughout the Valley. The Heritage Center, which preserves local history, genealogy, and archival collections, and the Talking Book Library for the Blind and Print Disabled also operate from the Central Library.

Recent capital improvements have already been completed, including a full roof replacement, fire alarm upgrade, and the installation of dual pane windows to replace the original 1959 windows. The upcoming phase of work will focus on critical internal infrastructure, including upgrades to the electrical system, lighting and ceiling modernization, and renovation of the basement level.

Maintaining a visible and accessible presence in downtown Fresno remains a priority. The County of Fresno is actively working to identify temporary service locations in the downtown area to continue providing access to library services during the closure. Additional information regarding temporary service locations will be shared as plans are finalized.

During the closure, patrons can also visit nearby library locations, including the West Fresno Library, the Betty Rodriguez Regional Library, and the Mosqueda Library. A full list of library locations and hours is available at www.fresnolibrary.org.

This project is part of the ongoing efforts of the County of Fresno and the Fresno County Public Library to maintain, improve, and modernize public facilities for residents throughout the county. The Central Library Infrastructure Renovation Project is supported in part by funding provided by the State of California, administered by the California State Library. The project is also funded by voter-approved Measure B, the one-eighth of a cent sales tax in Fresno County dedicated to supporting Fresno County Public Library services.

About Fresno County Public Library

For over 100 years, the Fresno County Public Library has been a place to connect, grow, and be inspired. With 33 branches countywide, the Library offers free access to books, technology, educational programs, and community resources for all ages. To learn more, visit fresnolibrary.org.

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