



# News Release

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## **Library Move Begins January 14**

*Fergus Falls, MN – January 2019* – Construction on and furnishing of the remodeled and expanded Fergus Falls Public Library Building at 205 E. Hampden Avenue is nearing completion. The temporary library at 1505 Pebble Lake Road will close at the end of operating hours (1:00 p.m.) on Saturday, January 12 for the move back into the new library building located on Cascade Street and Hampden Ave. Library staff anticipate opening the new library on Tuesday, January 22.

While the library is closed, library materials will not be due and fines will not accrue. If library patrons would like to return items, the yellow exterior book return at the temporary library, and the drive-up and walk-up book returns at the new library will all be open throughout the move time frame and patrons are welcome to return items in any of those locations.

Library Director, Erin Smith, said library phones may be down temporarily on January 14 while the phone and computer systems are transferred back to the remodeled library building. All existing library phone numbers will transition back to the new library and community members can contact library staff via phone at 218-739-9387 during regular operating hours throughout the move. Library staff may also be contacted via email at [library@ffpubliclibrary.org](mailto:library@ffpubliclibrary.org). The library's website ([ffpubliclibrary.org](http://ffpubliclibrary.org)), online catalog and access to downloadable ebooks and audiobooks will remain the same and will be up and running throughout the move. Library staff will post any necessary updates on our website and social media pages.

The remodeled and expanded library at 205 E. Hampden Ave. will reopen with the same operating hours as the library's temporary location. Those hours are:

Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sundays the library is closed

The Fergus Falls Public Library Board and library staff will conduct a public survey on library hours shortly after the new library opens. The survey will ask library patrons and

community members which library operating hours work best for them and their families. Following collection of the survey results, current library operating hours will be evaluated.

While the remodeled library will open in January, Smith said she knows it will take some time to get settled into the new building. In addition, while January will be a great time to enjoy the fireplace reading lounge at the new library, Smith says she recognizes “January is not the best time of the year to view the new landscaping, entry plaza and outdoor reading garden at the library.” Because of this, the library plans to hold a grand opening celebration and ribbon cutting ceremony in April when all of the new indoor and outdoor spaces at the new library can be enjoyed. Community members should watch for more information on the grand opening celebration as spring draws nearer.

Library staff would like to thank community members for their patience and patronage throughout the construction process and all who helped make this project possible for our community. Photos of the construction progress are posted in an album on the library’s facebook page at [bit.ly/ffplconstruction](http://bit.ly/ffplconstruction).

The Fergus Falls Public Library is a department of the City of Fergus Falls and a member of the Viking Library System.