



COMMUNITY

Fremont Library closes Aug. 9 for HVAC project

The Fremont Branch of The Seattle Public Library will temporarily close Aug. 9 for installation of a new electric HVAC system.

The target for reopening is early November. The book return will be locked and the parking lot inaccessible for the duration.

The work is part of the Library's Cooling Center Project, funded by a \$5.5 million FEMA grant. The grant is equipping five historic Carnegie-era branches with systems designed to serve as cooling and smoke shelters during extreme weather events.

Two programs are affected: **Family Storytime**, held Wednesday mornings from 10:15 to 10:45 a.m., will pause. (Patrons can find the same children's

librarian at the Queen Anne Branch on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. and Thursdays at 6:45 p.m.)

Write @ Fremont relocates to the Ballard Branch on Aug. 11, Sept. 8, and Oct. 13. Visit www.spl.org/calendar for more information.

Pending holds will transfer to the Ballard Branch on July 31. To request a different location, call 206-386-4636. Nearby branches with book drops include Ballard, Greenwood, Queen Anne, and Wallingford.

The HVAC installation will run concurrently with construction at the A.B. Ernst Park Addition next door at 719 N 35th St. Library and Seattle Parks staff are coordinating on both projects, including access to the library's lower-level accessible entrance.



BUSINESS

A shop on 36th that's really a clubhouse

The Handsome Jack Supply Co. opened in early June, and owner Murphy Gilson will tell you the shop is more than what's on the shelves.



"Brick-and-mortar shops, if they're going to survive, really need to offer something the online experience doesn't," Gilson said. "That's human connection."

Gilson spent more than three decades in television and film, much of it in Los Angeles, followed by a stretch as creative director at the University of Washington. He landed in Fremont for a familiar reason: he already spent time in the neighborhood. Also, the little storefront was, in his words, "too cute to pass up."

The shop carries vinyl, watches, pocket knives, and Fremont Local merch, but it doubles as a venue for live music, workshops, and pop-ups. The next Third Place, Third Thursday gathering runs 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 20. Bring a book, your laptop, or your records.

The Handsome Jack Supply Co. is at 223 N. 36th St., open most days but Monday and Tuesday, roughly noon to 7. Dogs welcome.

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