

Greetings to all our Newport friends and visitors!

At long last I am pleased to announce that the Newport Public Library is able to begin its roof replacement project.

Beginning Monday, March 17th the Library will be undergoing an extensive and much needed construction of its new roof. The roof reached “the end of its life” (as various studies have shown) a few years ago. Through the diligent and ceaseless efforts of the Property Team, we were able to keep disruptions to a minimum and damages were able to be repaired immediately. However, these were quick fixes that led to patches and not problem solving.

The impact will be minimal at first, with protective tunneling being placed at the entries to the building on both sides. Once the actual replacement begins there will be unavoidable noise associated with such a massive undertaking. Contractor working hours usually go from early morning to mid-afternoon so I am hopeful that there will be a majority of each day when the Library will resume its normal hum and quietude.

This project will also impact parking, as trucks, supply vehicles, and roofers will be here daily. I request your patience.

I recognize how much effect this will have on your visits to the Library. As the Library Director it is my job to always strive to maintain a building that is safe, comfortable, welcoming, and structurally sound. This project will enable the Library to do so.

I send this with my heartfelt thanks to Jim Mass, the Library’s Property Manager, who over the years has given up much personal time to attend to all the problems associated with a deteriorating roof. I also extend my thanks to the Library’s Board of Trustees for their attention to this matter and to the City of Newport for their continued support.



Consider a one-time gift to the Newport Public Library to help support its mission and vision. To receive a letter of thanks and acknowledgement of your tax deductible gift please enter your mailing address in the “What’s this for?” section.

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