FITCHBURG

Library closing Oct. 21 until temp location ready

Reopening in a month, expansion project to begin

One of the recent renderings of the expanded Fitchburg Public Library, expected to be completed in the summer of 2025. COURTESY FITCHBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

This rendering of the Fitchburg Public Library shows a view from Main Street.
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FITCHBURG >> The Fitchburg Public Library recently announced a milestone in its plans to renovate and expand the downtown landmark located at 610 Main St.

While the building is under construction, the library will relocate to the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority's Putnam Place office at 166 Boulder Dr., located directly across the street from the current location. The library will be closed to the public to accommodate the relocation effective Saturday, Oct. 21, with reopening at the Boulder Drive location anticipated in late November.

Putnam Place will be the library's home until the $40 million renovation and expansion project is completed in summer 2025.

"We are so thankful to Mayor Stephen DiNatale, the Fitchburg City Council, the Fitchburg Redevelopment Authority, and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners for all their respective efforts to move this transformative project forward," said Fitchburg Library Director Deb Hinkle.

All materials checked out prior to the closing will be automatically renewed until after the library has reopened at Putnam Place. Patrons are encouraged to make use of neighboring

CWMARS libraries and FPL's online resources during the transition to the new location.

While housed at Putnam Place, the library will be open and active for all and will have a large portion of the collection available to borrow. Patrons will also be able to rely on the library consortium, CWMARS, to reserve and fulfill requests for materials that they may not have readily available.

The library will continue to offer information and reference services, public computers, Wi-Fi, hotspots, printing, copying, faxing, meeting spaces for the public, story times, programming, museum passes, and more during the transition.

To learn more about the library project visit fitchburgpubliclibrary.org/1028/Building-Project.