

# Timeline

## for Wellington Central Library replacement services

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- March 2019**
- **Central Library building closure**
  - Temporary help point and book returns facility set up in Municipal Office Building
  - Citizens Advice Bureau relocated to Municipal Office Building
  - Reserve and return fees suspended
  - Loan limits for eBooks and eAudio extended
- April**
- **Work starts on first CBD Library, Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre**
  - Longer opening hours for some branch libraries
  - Hutt City Libraries extends free membership to Wellington City Library members
  - Further due date extension for Central Library items on loan
- May**
- **Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre opens**
  - Work starts on second CBD library, He Matapihi Molesworth Library, as part of a cooperative partnership with National Library of New Zealand
  - Wellington City Libraries' ComicFest held at National Library
  - He Timotimo, WCL's new free te reo Māori taster sessions, launched
- June**
- Rare books collection relocated to City Archives
- July**
- Council's peer review of engineering advice on the Central Library building completed
  - Professor Ken Elwood begins engagement with industry to identify and scope possible remedial engineering options for the Central Library building
  - Te Ngākau - Civic Precinct programme gets underway to look at the future of the area including the Central Library building
  - New online movie streaming platforms, Kanopy and Beamafilm, launched
  - *Beyond the Page* festival held across Wellington City Libraries locations and the wider Wellington region
- September**
- Third CBD library, Te Awe Library, confirmed at Harbour City Centre, Brandon Street
  - Te Pātaka Collection and Distribution Centre confirmed in Johnsonville to house Central Library's collection of 400,000 items
  - Citizens Advice Bureau opens in James Smith Building
- October**
- **He Matapihi Molesworth Library opens**
  - Council industry engagement workshops held to discuss possible remedial options for the Central Library building
- November**
- *Kanopy Film Festival* held in seven Wellington City Libraries locations
- December**
- **Waitohi - Johnsonville's new community hub and library opens**
  - New artwork and hoarding for Central Library building
  - Visitors to Arapaki Manners Library and Service Centre and He Matapihi Molesworth Library reaches 225,0000 (200k and 25k respectively)
- January to July 2020**
- Work starts to relocate Central Library collection to Te Pātaka in March
  - Planned meeting in March for Mayor and Councillors to receive engineering scenarios and next steps recommendations for Central Library building and Te Ngākau deferred under the COVID-19 lockdown. Scenarios will be reviewed in light of how COVID-19 will affect the economy and the Council's future work programme and priorities and presented to Council on 27 May.
  - Work on Te Awe Library and Te Pātaka Collection and Distribution Centre resumes with restrictions under COVID-19 Alert Level 3 by 28 April and 4 May respectively
  - Te Pātaka collection accessible and Te Awe Library opens to customers around July