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Victoria Public Library Reduces Hours

The recent announcement of City budget cuts has necessitated service reductions by the Victoria Public Library. Beginning April 21, 2010 the Victoria Public Library will close early on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. This reduces service from 64 hours a week to 60.5 hours.

“Being fiscally responsible means setting priorities and having to make hard choices. We have plans for many future improvements, but for this next year we are putting new things on hold and focusing on our core values and mission of providing service with excellence,” said Victoria Public Library Director Dayna Williams-Capone.

Reductions in the library’ expenditures to meet the City budget cuts include:

- 3 unfilled staff positions in accordance with the city-wide hiring freeze;
- closing early at 5:30 pm on Wednesdays;
- building renovations and updates are on hold;
- freezing the purchase of additional databases and possibly cancelling some existing databases;
- changing the type of library card issued to new library users; and
- cutting staff training.

Major priorities continue to be providing access to a wide variety of information resources, a quality summer reading program for children and teens, and access to computer and the internet along with computer classes.

The new library schedule will begin on April 21.

9:00 am – 9:00 pmMonday, Tuesday, Thursday
 9:00 am – 5:30 pmWednesday
 9:00 am – 5:00 pmFriday, Saturday
 ClosedSunday

For more information contact the Victoria Public Library at 485-3302 or visit www.victoriapubliclibrary.org.