

Portsmouth Public Library
Update
Churchland Branch



4934 High Street West (Corner of High Street & Cedar Lane • Portsmouth, VA 23703)

“The construction of the new Churchland Library is nearing completion and the old Coleman’s Nursery corner is buzzing with excitement and bustling with anticipation of what will be the newest addition to the Portsmouth Public Libraries.”

Sue Burton, Director of Portsmouth Public Libraries

Over the years, the Churchland Library has been one of the busiest branches in the Portsmouth Public Library System. Out of the 300,000 items that are checked in and out, annually, more than 140,000 of them are done through the Churchland Library. With the high usage and growth, a new library has been needed and discussed for about 10 years. This summer, the new state-of-the-art Churchland Library will open to The Portsmouth Family of the young and the young at heart.

This new library will definitely belong to Portsmouth’s people! With much input from civic and community groups and the general citizenry, your ideas were incorporated into the design of this library that will promote recreational reading, individual research, fellowship, and fun.

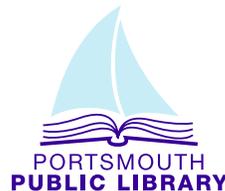
Something for everyone!

Youth from across the city were encouraged to submit suggestions for the name of the teen area in the Churchland Library and we are proud to announce that, by most popular vote, it will be named *“The Teen Scene.”*

Features of the new Churchland Library

- 20,942 total square feet
- City Treasurer’s Branch Office
- Parking area for up to 60 vehicles
- 50 Computers and a Technology Room
- Radio Frequency Identification Technology (RFID) for check-out and check-in of books
- Children’s Area with Storytelling Room and an adjoining Family Restroom
- Community Meeting Room
- Group Study Rooms
- Energy-Efficient Natural Lighting
- ... and lots more!

The Portsmouth Public Libraries will transition to the new radio frequency identification technology, RFID. This RFID technology will allow library patrons to check out and check in their own books and materials by placing them on a transmitter pad.



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New Hours through June 30th

In preparation for the opening of the new library and the transition to RFID, all libraries will be closed on Fridays and weekday hours will be adjusted through June 30th. The Friday closings will begin on March 6th and the new weekday hours will be effective Monday, March 9th. All libraries will continue to open at 10 a.m. and the closing hours will be adjusted. Since library services are used less on Fridays, staff will use this day to complete behind-the-scenes work.

There's no US without "U"

We want to hear from you. Your input has been valuable with this project and we appreciate your suggestions and support as we move closer to opening day this summer. Date and time, to be announced! We hope you'll be there so that we can celebrate together!

REVISED HOURS	MON.	TUES.	WED.	THURS.	SAT.
Churchland Branch	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Cradock Branch	10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Main Library	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.			
Manor Branch	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 7 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 6 p.m.	10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ALL LIBRARIES CLOSED ON FRIDAYS



Churchland Branch: 686-2538
Cradock Branch: 393-8759
Main Library: 393-8973
Manor Branch: 465-2916