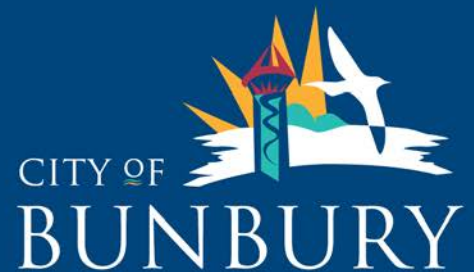


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Libraries prepare to roll out one card system

Bunbury and Withers libraries will close their doors temporarily this week – but it is all in the name of delivering a more streamlined and accessible library system throughout the South West.

The One Library network is being rolled out among 11 Local Governments in a WA first that will provide greater access to library resources for the entire South West community.

Twenty-three libraries will be connected by one library management system by mid-2017, which will allow people to use their current library card to borrow and return items at any of the participating libraries.

To change over to the new system, the Bunbury and Withers libraries will be closed on Friday, December 2 and reopen on Tuesday, 6 December to allow for system upgrades and staff training.

City of Bunbury Library Services Manager Sharon Chapman said the new system would bring significant benefits to customers and Local Government.

“The shared approach will not only provide library members with access to a larger range of library items, but it will generate significant savings for the participating local governments through the purchase of just one shared software system,” Ms Chapman said.

Local Governments participating in the new system are Bunbury, Dardanup, Busselton, Capel, Boyup Brook, Donnybrook-Balingup, Harvey, Manjimup, Nannup, Waroona and Bridgetown-Greenbushes.

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