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1 Brooks Memorial Library enters next phase of
2 construction this week

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5 The next phase of Brooks Memorial Library's renovation
6 project has begun.

7 This phase began this week with the closure of the
8 sidewalk in front of the library's Main Street entrance, as well as
9 the accessible ramp connecting the Municipal Center parking lot
10 to the library's rear entrance.

11 Crews will remove and replace the sidewalk in front of
12 the library and Municipal Center, as well as the connecting
13 accessible walkway.

14 Although the sidewalk directly in front of the library will
15 be closed, patrons will still be able to access the Main Street
16 entrance by approaching from the south side of the building
17 through a fenced area. The upper entrance will remain closed
18 during this phase. The stairway leading from the front of the
19 Municipal Center to Main Street will also be closed.

20 Parking will not be available in front of the library during
21 this phase. An accessible parking space and a 15-minute parking
22 space will be available just south of the library. Library patrons
23 can also park in the Municipal Center parking lot, on Grove
24 Street, or in the Harris Lot. Vehicle traffic will not be affected
25 during this phase of the project.

26 Town officials say additional details about the project are
27 expected in mid-August.

28 The renovation project will expand the usable space
29 throughout the exterior of the building. The scope of work
30 includes safety and accessibility improvements, along with
31 longstanding maintenance needs.

32 The project is supported by the American Rescue Plan
33 Act Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund (CPF) administered by the
34 U.S. Department of the Treasury as part of an award totaling
35 \$16.4 million for capital improvements to Vermont's public
36 libraries. It is one of 14 CPF projects overseen by the Vermont
37 Department of Libraries.

38 For more information and construction updates, call 802-
39 254-5290 or visit brookslibraryvt.org.

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