

## **Norfolk libraries prepare to reopen - 24 June 2020**

**As the government gives the green light for libraries to reopen, work is underway in Norfolk to get local libraries open to the public.**

Some of Norfolk's libraries are now working to reopen to the public from Monday 6 July.

Norfolk County Council's Libraries and Health and Safety Teams are working hard to put the right measures in place to ensure they can open to the public with minimal risk to staff and visitors.

This work, which includes site visits, layout changes and briefing and training for all library staff, will keep any risk to a minimum but will continue over the coming weeks, meaning not all Norfolk libraries will reopen on the 6 July.

Details of locations, services offered and opening dates of the library branches due to open in the coming weeks will be published next week, and Norfolk's long-term plan is to make sure that all of the county's libraries reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

Cllr Margaret Dewsbury, Norfolk County Council's Cabinet Member for Communities and Partnerships, said: "Libraries can play a central role in our communities, and losing these services during lockdown has helped many of us realise just how important they are. We're determined to reopen our libraries safely and are working flat out to do so, and I'm looking forward to sharing more details with you all next week."