



Library Budget and Hours Cuts Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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Why are Library Hours Being Cut?

Like cities throughout the nation, the City of San Diego has experienced a significant drop in tax revenues. To balance the budget, the City was forced to make cuts across all its departments, including trimming \$3.8 million from the Library's budget. This budget reduction is being addressed by shortening the hours of operation at all branch libraries and at Central Library; eliminating Sunday hours at most branches and Saturday hours at the Central Library; scaling back technical services; and reducing library matching funds.

Why Was This Particular Library Schedule Chosen?

In determining the new library schedule, the primary concern was to provide time for the public both during the week and weekends, given the staffing cuts that needed to be made. It was important to standardize the library schedule throughout the system to help achieve the needed budget cuts and make it easy for the public to know when the Library is open.

The new schedule keeps open hours in the evenings and on weekends to accommodate the needs of the public including:

- **Evenings** two days per week until 8:00 p.m. at the Central Library and all branches.
- **Saturdays** – All branches open. Central Library closed.
- **Sundays** - Central Library and three branches (La Jolla/Riford, Point Loma/Hervey, and Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa) are open. An additional benefit on Sundays for Central Library patrons is that parking at downtown meters is free.
- **Mondays** – Central Library open. All branches closed.