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### **Portsmouth's Main Library Closed For Repairs Due to December 25<sup>th</sup> Fire**

Portsmouth, VA - As the result of a fire that occurred on December 25<sup>th</sup>, the City of Portsmouth announces that the Main Library will be closed for the remainder of the week for clean-up and repairs. The clean-up work begins today, and based upon the progress, the City will announce a reopening date for the Main Library, which is expected to be in about one week.

The Main Library, located at 601 Court Street, sustained extensive fire damage at the rear foyer of the building. The interior of the Library was damaged primarily by smoke and heat. Books, media, computers and other electronic equipment will be assessed for damage and cleaning or disposal.

Once the governmental offices of the City of Portsmouth resume operations after the snowstorm, the Portsmouth Public Library locations, except the Main Library, will reopen to the public.

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