

Library's new chapter



Brighton librarians Sarah Lowe, Sarah Micke and Liz McCathie helping to temporarily move the library contents to make way for a \$220,000 refurbishment. Picture: EMMA BRASIER

SELF-SERVICE TECHNOLOGY PART OF SIGNIFICANT OVERHAUL

Amy Moran

SELF-serve check-outs are coming to Brighton Library as part of a \$220,000 upgrade.

Residents will borrow and return items by scanning them once the library re-opens mid-November.

The upgrade also includes new carpets, paint and air-conditioning.

Holdfast Bay Mayor Ste-

phen Patterson said surveys showed staff and library users wanted the Jetty Rd building upgraded.

"While we love our library the carpet is wearing thin, the air-conditioning needs replacing and the walls need a fresh coat of paint," Mr Patterson said.

He said no library staff would lose their jobs in favour of self-serve techno-

logy. "The self-service technology will effectively free up valuable staff time so they can offer more one-on-one assistance, and work on maintaining and improving the library's collection and range of services," he said.

"Library staff will still be on hand to assist people with check-outs and returns."

Council staff last week moved 700 shelves of books,

magazines, CDs and DVDs into the Civic Centre next door to continue the library service during works.

The library's preschooler sessions will also relocate to the Civic Centre. A shuttle service will run from Brighton Library Monday to Friday, leaving Brighton at 10am and departing Glenelg at 11.15am.

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