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Hemet Public Library Expands Hours to Include Tuesdays After Nearly 15 Years

Hemet, Calif.—Hours at the Hemet Public Library have expanded to include Tuesdays for the first time in nearly 15 years, effective January 14, 2025. The reopening follows a successful soft launch on January 7, which saw strong community engagement, with numerous new library cards issued and patrons eager to access resources.

The addition of Tuesday hours increases weekly operations from 38 to 48 hours, thanks to the implementation of a hybrid service model featuring Open Access+. Self-service is now available from 7 am to 1 pm, with the library open to the general public from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

On Tuesdays, patrons can access public computers, register for new library cards, and enjoy expert reference services. Community members interested in Open Access+ are encouraged to visit the library to apply.

Library Manager Kathye Caines praised the City Council for its support, which included adding a new staff member to the current budget. "This is a significant achievement for the library and the community, and we are excited to see the positive impact of this expansion," said Caines. City Council Member and Library Liaison Linda Krupa celebrated the reopening, stating, "This is a win-win for our City Council and residents."

This update is part of the City Council's efforts to enhance community services and provide greater access to library resources.

For more information about the Hemet Public Library, visit hemetca.gov/94/Library. To apply for a library card, visit [Library Card Registration](#).