

Library

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ing materials, the types of vents we're using inside the building, none of that's going to be visible to the public."

Ground was broken on Douglas Street for the new library April 15. The new 5,000-square-foot building will replace the existing 1,500-square-foot library housed in an old church at 901 Maupin. That building has been in use as a library since 1990.

The new library will include a 660-square-foot meeting room, areas for children and teens and outdoor patio seating, along with onsite parking lacking at the current site. It also include a work room, break room, study and storage areas and restrooms.

"Originally we were wanting to start construction in March or April,

but when you're designing seven buildings, it just took longer than we expected to get the designs all completed," Campbell said. The seven projects were bid in May, but the bids on Pacific, Wright City and Warrenton came in higher than the board wanted.

Those projects were rebid with the final bids received in late June. "So there have been multiple reasons why this has been delayed," he said. "That's just the nature of the beast when dealing with these kind of projects."

The starting date for New Haven is currently projected at August 21. Wright Construction is interested in using some local contractors on the project. "That's something we were happy about," Campbell said.

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