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## New library targeted for year 2000

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A new library to be built on South Highway 47 in Warrenton is being targeted for completion by the year 2000.

The Scenic Regional Library District is planning to build the library on a 1.5-acre tract just south of the Douglas Brown Funeral Home, which is located at 904 S. Highway 47. The new library would replace the current library, located at 100-2 E. Main St.

The district's board is work-

ing with architects to come up with a design and cost estimate for the building, said district Director Sally Hancox.

Hancox said the board has been aiming for several years to build a new library in Warrenton.

"It wasn't until this year that things fell into place," she said.

The board had considered building a library on a parcel of less than an acre near the Warren County Historical Society museum, which is located at Walton and Market streets

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Director Scenic Regional Library District

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in Warrenton. But Hancox said that, within the last year, the district sold the parcel after board members realized it wasn't large enough to accommodate both a new library and parking.

The new Warren County Justice Center has already caused problems with the parking near the present library at 100-2 E. Main St.

"We've really had a parking problem since the construction

of the new Justice Center began," Hancox said.

In early March, the library board voted to buy the 1.5-acre site off South Highway 47 for \$59,000. Hancox said the board closed on the deal in late July.

The board has set a target date of spring 2000 for completion of the new library, but "if there is any way it can be done sooner, it will be," Hancox said.

Hancox said there might be more changes when the new building is completed. The district is trying to establish addi-

tional evening hours on one of the weeknights.

The Warrenton Library is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays; and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Saturdays. The library is closed on Sundays and Mondays. Additional hours might be possible when the new building is completed, Hancox said.

During the next few months, district officials expect to be

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working with the architects to determine the final design and come up with a funding mech-

anism to pay for the construction, Hancox said.

The library board's meetings, which are open to the public, are held at 7:30 p.m.

the third Tuesday of each month at the Union Library, 308 Hawthorne Drive, off Highway 50.