



New look for Library

Tenders are expected to be called this month for the redevelopment of East Melbourne Library.

Work is expected to start in January 2004, and continue for 12 months.

The library in George Street is being redeveloped after consultation with local residents and community groups.

The ground level will continue as a local public library, with expanded collection space, a reading lounge with a view on to George Street, and a

children's story time area to the north that opens out on to the rear deck and courtyard.

The collection space, with its glazed north walls has also been designed to allow natural lighting and capture solar warmth in the building during winter months, while providing shade in summer.

Low-level natural ventilation will work in tandem with thermal chimneys to provide passive cooling.

Secure after-hours access will be available to the first floor through the main entry foyer and will house a climate-controlled local history room, and facilities for community meetings.

The mezzanine area will also feature public computer workstations with internet access.

During the redevelopment, a temporary library will be established in Trinity Hall behind the Holy Trinity Church at the corner of Hotham and Clarendon streets.

Services will include the drop-off and collection of loans, children's storytime sessions and a limited collection of books and magazines.

For more information call the City of Melbourne Hotline on 9658 9658.