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Alvin Library to Temporarily Close for Repairs due to Hurricane Ike

(City Hall, Alvin, TX) The Alvin branch of the Brazoria County Library will temporarily close soon for repairs due to damage from Hurricane Ike. The City will work with Brazoria County to set the closure dates and the public will be informed. The building is owned by the City of Alvin and operated by Brazoria County who provides library services. "The City retained the professional services of an independent environmental expert who performed air quality tests. The results of these tests indicated that there has been no damage to any of the books nor were there any environmental issues for the public," City Manager Paul Horn stated. "We are taking proactive steps to protect both the City's and Brazoria County's investments," added Horn.

The City is in the process of securing the services of an architectural and engineering firm to outline the steps for repairs. "The County is sad that the library building was damaged during Ike, but is excited about the forthcoming repairs and looking forward to returning to a fresh building," Brazoria County Library Director Catherine Threadgill said. It is anticipated that the Library will be closed for 6-8 weeks. "A separate collection point will be set up by Brazoria County for citizens to return books while the library is closed," Threadgill added.

The majority of the funds for the repairs will be covered from the Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA). Some funds will have to be appropriated from the City to cover these needed repairs. Alvin Mayor Gary Appelt stated, "With our strategic partnerships working together, we will move as fast as possible to reopen this great asset in Alvin with minimal disruption to the public."

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