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## HUMANS THE LIVING LINK BETWEEN LIBRARIES

Library lovers will form a human chain in a Ceremonial Book Pass between the 'old' and 'new' Ryde Libraries on Tuesday 12 April.

The human chain will run from the doorway of the existing library, along the pathway in front of the Civic Centre and across the Pedestrian Footbridge over Devlin Street, finishing at the Pope Street entrance to the new Ryde Library.

Taking part in the symbolic event will be The Mayor, library members, residents, children, community groups, vacation care staff, Councillors and Council staff.

The old Library will close its doors to the public at 5.00pm on Sunday 10 April, after more than 40 years of service at its current location.

Ryde Library was first opened in December 1946, in a shop at the front of council buildings on the corner of Blaxland Road and Tucker Street. The current premises were opened in November 1970, along with the Civic Hall, as part of the Ryde Council centenary celebrations – hence its name, the 'Centenary Library'.

The new Ryde Library heralds an exciting era in the evolution of libraries where people go to read, learn, mix and enjoy.

Blending state-of-the-art facilities with new technology, comfort and easy accessibility, the new Ryde Library will offer extensive collections, reading and study spaces, free wireless internet, activity zones, meeting rooms and community programs.

The new Ryde Library at 1 Pope Street, Ryde, in the Top Ryde City shopping centre, will open on Saturday 30 April.

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**Photo Opportunity: Ceremonial Community Book Pass, Tuesday 12 April 2011, 3.00pm, 'Old' Ryde Library, 1 Devlin Street, Ryde.**

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