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Central Library temporarily closed due to public altercation

Central Library is currently closed following an incident between two members of the public on the evening of Tuesday, June 13.

The altercation began with an argument outside the library and moved into the foyer. One person sustained a serious but not life-threatening injury. No staff or library customers were physically hurt.

Regina Police Services were called; they cleared and secured the scene. RPL staff assisted with first aid until their arrival. The library is cooperating with RPS in the investigation of this incident.

"The safety of our staff and customers is our highest priority. We continue to assess and adapt our safety measures at Central," said Jeff Barber, Library Director and CEO, RPL. "We've chosen to close the library to the public today to give staff space and time to process their experience, either at home or with mental health professionals on site. Our thoughts and concerns are with the victim."

Central Library will remain closed Wednesday June 14. As this was an isolated incident, all branch locations are open as usual. Central Library will reopen at 9:30am Thursday June 15.

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