Stuarts Draft library branch set to open this fall

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VERONA - A new Augusta County Library branch will officially open in Stuarts Draft this fall after the board of supervisors approved the move in an unanimous vote Wednesday night.

The library will be located in suite 107 of Broadmoor Plaza in Stuarts Draft, the former site of a fitness center, according to county administrator Tim Fitzgerald. It's tentatively set to open in September.

It will be open 20 hours per week, which is the same as the county's other library stations.

The 3,311-square foot space will have a meeting room, wi-fi and computers available for public use.

"It's been quite a journey — we have seen many many buildings in Stuarts Draft," said Carolyn Bragg, the supervisor of the Stuarts Draft District. "It's been a good good process."

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She said she thinks the Broadmoor Plaza area will be great a spot for library with its good parking availability, visibility and location on the BRITE Bus route.

Bragg was excited with the vote of approval to bring the library to her constituents in Stuarts Draft, Lyndhurst and Sherando, to which board chairman Tracy Pyles joked, "you know we don't name libraries for supervisors."

It will cost $28,188 to get up and running and is estimated to cost a little under $31,000 per year to operate. Those costs will come out of the Stuarts Draft District and Beverley Manor District budgets for this fiscal year.

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