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## A New Stamford Centre Library coming soon!

**Niagara Falls, ON:** The Niagara Falls Public Library is thrilled to announce the renovation and expansion to the Stamford Centre Library in the Town & Country Plaza!

The new Stamford Centre Library will be almost double the size of the previous space, and will feature:

- Welcoming, accessible and inclusive spaces for everyone
- A Single-level facility with an open plan allowing for easy access and physical distancing
- Access from both the front and rear parking lots
- Spaces for Adults, Children and Teens
- A large community meeting and program room
- Private study rooms
- MakerSpace resources
- Books, audiobooks, magazines, DVDs
- More public computer access as well as free WiFi
- And more!

"This project is over 15 years in the making." says Alicia Subnaik Kilgour, CEO. "We've listened to extensive customer feedback over the years, learned how our community uses their library and what they would like to see in their library. We feel that their new space will meet the needs of this vibrant and active Stamford community."

The design is an inviting, open and accessible space, providing a both a community and digital hub for all. The new space will modernize library services and increase value to the Stamford community. "We were struggling to meet the demands of our growing community in a space that was designed over 30 years ago. We were limited in our ability to accommodate all our programs and services as our community has grown over the years." says Kilgour. "The new space will also allow us to ensure safe physical distancing."

"Our community has been patient with us over the years as this project has developed." says Anne Andres-Jones, Chair of the Niagara Falls Public Library Board. "We are excited that this larger, revitalized space will allow staff to build on the foundation of dynamic programs and services at the Stamford Centre Library, which is a source of pride for the community."

In 1953, Stamford Township appointed a Library Board who arranged a contract for service with the Niagara Falls Public Library Board. The first library was opened in 1957 and moved to the Town & Country Plaza in 1962. After relocating within the plaza in 1974, it was enlarged to its current size in 1986.

Due to construction having started onsite, service options are limited during this transition time. "Take & Go holds pick up and Print Pick Up are both available, and our WiFi is always on." says



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Kilgour "We look forward to welcoming the entire

Stamford Centre community into their new library in 2021."

The Niagara Falls Public Library is a free, inclusive community space open to all. Residents of the City of Niagara Falls are invited to register for a free library card to access all of our resources, both physical and digital. The Niagara Falls Public Library dates back to 1878, and today has four library locations serving the City of Niagara Falls - Victoria Avenue library, Stamford Centre library, Community Centre library and Chippawa library as well as a NovelBranch library vending machine at the Gale Centre. Please visit our website at my.nflibrary.ca for more information.

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