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Sneak peek at the new Stamford Centre Library

The renovation excitement is building

Niagara Falls, ON - The Stamford Centre Library renovation project is coming to life after two years of pandemic-related delays.

"We are so happy to share this sneak peek of the design concept with our community," says Alicia Subnaik Kilgour, CEO of the Niagara Falls Public Library. "While it is still in the concept phase and is subject to changes, the design reflects the spirit of the project and gives an exciting glimpse into what we have to look forward to."

While the Library Board and staff and the City of Niagara Falls have been eager for the project to move forward quickly, COVID-19 had other plans. Between lockdowns, government restrictions and supply chain delays, the pandemic has wreaked havoc on the original timeline for the Stamford Centre Library project. "We have nearly completed the design phase and are ready to head into the construction phase," Kilgour says. "That's the exciting part - watching it all come to life!"

The Library is tentatively scheduled to open late 2022, barring any unforeseen delays. The renovated space will be open, accessible and inclusive, and at nearly 8,250 square feet it will nearly double the size of the previous Library space. "Throughout the design phase we've been picturing our community in this wonderful new space," says Kilgour. "We've missed all our library users, from the Lunch Bunch teens from A.N. Myer Secondary School to our book club members, early literacy children and families, computer and WiFi users, community partners and everyone in between. We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back into their Library."

Library services continue to be offered at the Victoria Avenue, Community Centre and Chippawa locations. Each location is served by Niagara Falls City transit. For those who have found it difficult to get to another library location because of age, injury or disability, the Visiting Library Service (VLS) may be an option. Customers interested in VLS can contact staff at 905-356-8080 or by email at AskUs@nflibrary.ca to discuss eligibility. Curbside pick up by appointment is still available at the Victoria Avenue Library. The drop box at Stamford Centre is still in place for customers who wish to drop off materials there.

"We know it's been difficult for our community in Stamford Centre to be without a library space during this unprecedented time," continues Kilgour. "We appreciate everyone's patience and invite anyone who needs support accessing library services to contact the Library so we can find the right solution for them in the interim."



Concept design of Stamford Centre Library, subject to change.

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About the Niagara Falls Public Library:

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, Community Centre Library, Chippawa Library, and the Stamford Centre Library which is currently closed for construction. Please visit our website at my.nflibrary.ca for more information.

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