



“For many, the library seems the opposite of loneliness. A place to connect and feel a part of something bigger than ourselves.”

EPL Customer

Make it Possible!

Re-imagining the Stanley A. Milner Library

“Edmonton is built on brain power and the Edmonton Public Library is a brain factory. I am consistently amazed at the level of innovation produced there.”

Mayor Don Iveson



“EPL is the heartbeat and anchor of Edmonton...as the living room of our city, as a beacon for everyone to connect, as a showcase for what Edmonton is and can be.”

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We Matter and We Rock!

For **102** years, the Edmonton Public Library has been much more than a place to borrow books. **EPL makes it possible for Edmontonians to connect, to learn and to belong.**

Becoming **MORE** Relevant, Not Less!

- **EPL is the #2 most visited venue in Edmonton after West Edmonton Mall** – yes, really! Why? Because we are warm, inviting community spaces where friends and neighbours gather for educational and entertaining programs and services, to access computers, or to just simply be.
- **2014 Library of the Year** – it's like the Stanley Cup or Nobel Prize for libraries. It is the highest international recognition a library can achieve, and EPL is the first library outside the US to receive this prestigious award.
- EPL offers **diverse programs, services and resources available to everyone** - at branches located throughout the city, as well as online; from anywhere and at any time.

IN 2014

Every
12 seconds
EPL STAFF
answer a
CUSTOMER QUESTION

EDMONTONIANS
attended
FREE 
EPL PROGRAMS
347,995 times

240,000+
Edmontonians
use their
library cards
EVERY YEAR





Imagine What's Possible

As the best library of today, EPL is continually evolving. With your support, we can be the best library of tomorrow.

Opening in 1967 – and renamed in 1996 in honour of library champion Stanley A. Milner for his lifetime commitment to EPL – this branch is the heart of EPL.

The downtown library is an integral part of our award-winning library system with services and large size unique to its central location. Edmontonians can access the latest tools and technology to create, as well as our Outreach Service office that works with marginalized and vulnerable populations.

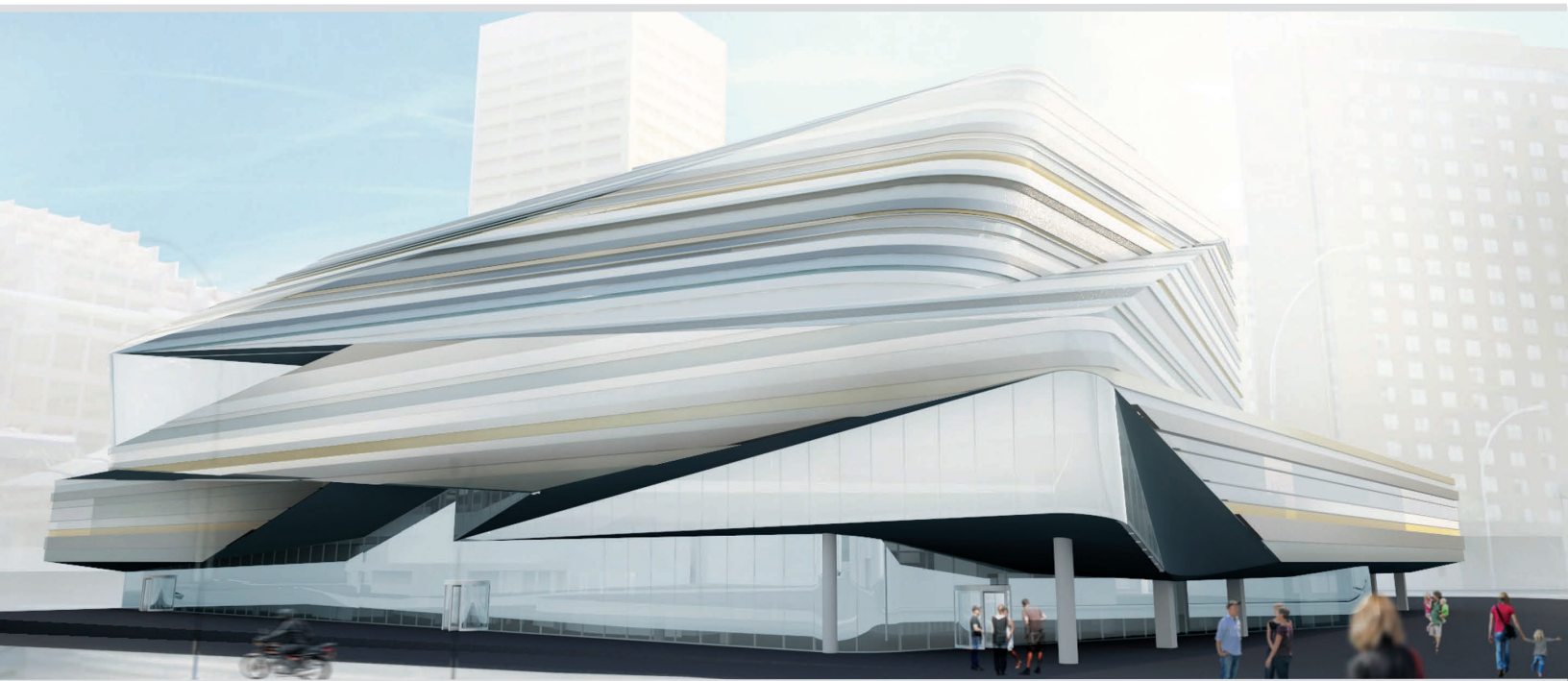
Our downtown library receives over **1 million visits each year** from Edmontonians of all backgrounds and with a wide variety of interests.

- From downtown residents and office workers picking up today's most popular materials, to daycare groups and school field trips learning the basics of coding or enjoying storytime.
- From new Canadians looking to read materials in their home language or practicing English in a conversation circle, to seniors looking for help to download ebooks.
- From students studying for their next exam, to marginalized Edmontonians getting assistance finding shelter or ID.

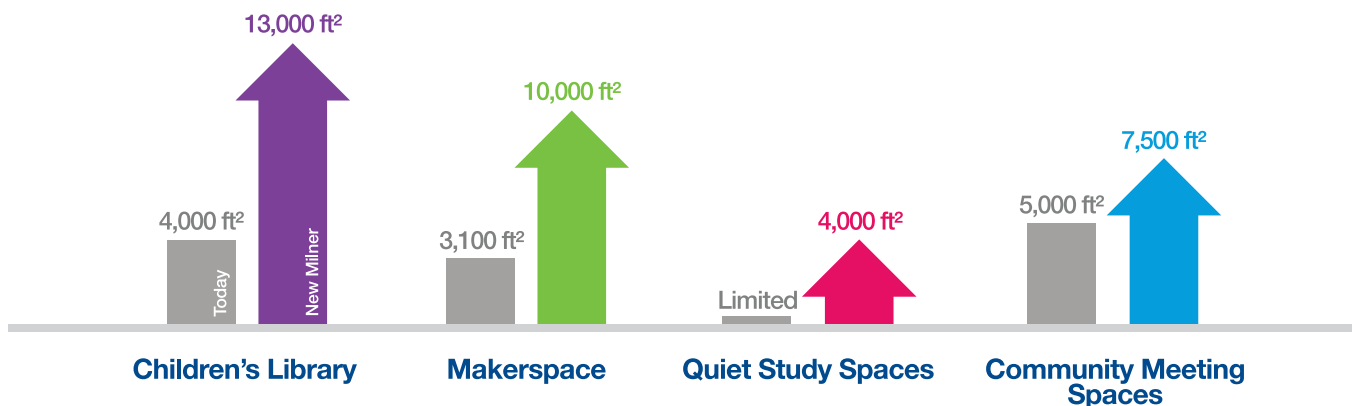
For all these people and the thousands of others who use EPL every day, it is now time to transform the Stanley A. Milner Library into a space that better facilitates collaboration and co-learning, inspires creativity, spurs the imagination and fosters lifelong learning.

Investing in a revitalized Milner Library is a critical component for a thriving and vibrant downtown and an integral element in our city's long-term economic prosperity.

Let's Share: A Renewed Stanley A. Milner Library for All



MORE Space for the Services Our Customers Need and Want!



With the added benefits of increased accessibility, abundant natural light, and substantial improvements to energy efficiency, the renewed Milner Library will endure as a place of learning and possibility for all Edmontonians to connect, to learn, to belong and to thrive.

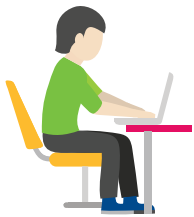
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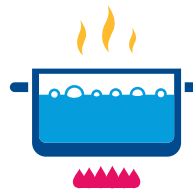
More opportunities for creating with leading-edge and emerging technologies like 3-D printing, sound and video production, and robotics, as well as new opportunities for fabrication. New spaces for creative activities like music and art will also be added.



An enlarged Children's Library with hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities like coding, robotics and digital creation, an indoor play area, more great resources to take out and enjoy, and more opportunities for parents, caregivers and children to connect, learn and grow.



Additional private study spaces and quiet reading areas including over 1,000 square feet overlooking Churchill Square.



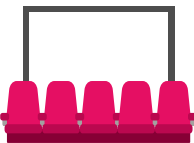
A proposed demonstration kitchen to help Edmontonians better understand health, nutrition and food preparation.



Additional meeting spaces, including a community board room, supporting the growing need for community collaboration and accessible meeting spaces.



Embedded partners – space for agencies and organizations that provide complementary services to share service area in our well-used public space.



A high-tech theatre supporting renowned guest speakers and performances, with easy access to the LRT and Churchill Square.



A multi-story interactive simulation wall facilitating hands-on, interactive learning as well as large-scale multimedia presentations.

With community support, EPL will transform the downtown library in the next three to four years to better meet the growing and changing needs of Edmontonians. We will create purposeful spaces to collaborate, learn, access technology and attend events, as well as better connect to the outdoor space by Churchill Square on the north and Centennial Plaza on the south.

It will be inspiring, educational, connected, inclusive and fun!

What Can You Make Possible?

The Edmonton Public Library believes in the power of people.

EPL's strength lies in people working together, people like you who want to ensure that the library will continue to thrive as a rich community resource for generations to come.

You can play an important role in ensuring we all benefit from a rejuvenated Stanley A. Milner Library as an integral element of a revitalized downtown. Join us in making it possible for all Edmontonians to access the innovative programs and services of EPL – to connect, learn, belong and thrive. To become the best city possible!

Let's Do This Together!

\$62.5M Milner Library Revitalization Project

\$52.5M commitment from the City of Edmonton



"This city's libraries are its lifeline. The Edmonton Public Library is a place for books, music, knowledge, socialization, innovation, discovery, relaxation and more. It is also a place for Edmontonians of all ages and from all walks of life to come as they are and be as they are – and be supported in any way they need. That is a true public service, and one I am happy and honoured to support."

Stanley A. Milner

What do Edmontonians want from their revitalized downtown library?

We asked Edmontonians and here's a sample of what they shared:

“Make the library a **destination** and **gathering place**.”

“As a retired person I would like to spend my time there for **intellectual and social growth**.”

“A visually aesthetic place and landmark building.”

“A place for **individuals and groups** to come and **share ideas**.”

“A meeting place; open and inviting; a place I want to go!”

“**Space** to run around and burn that energy, and **quiet places** to sit and read.”

“A place that feels *magical*.”

“Different spaces for different ages.”



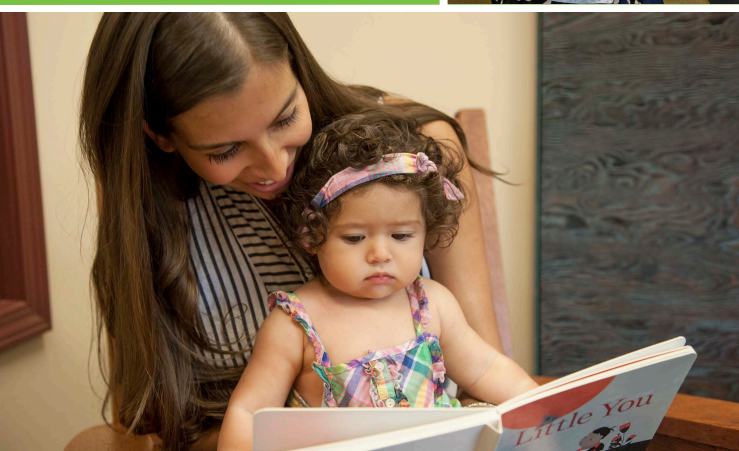
“The library can be a meeting point for individuals, interest groups, and communities to share ideas.”

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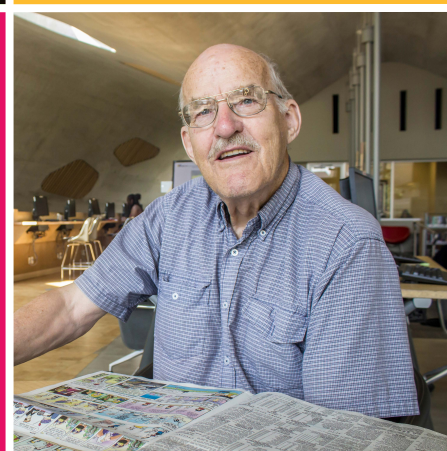


“With the Makerspace you can come in, learn something new and create with complete freedom - without having to worry about tools or cost.”

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