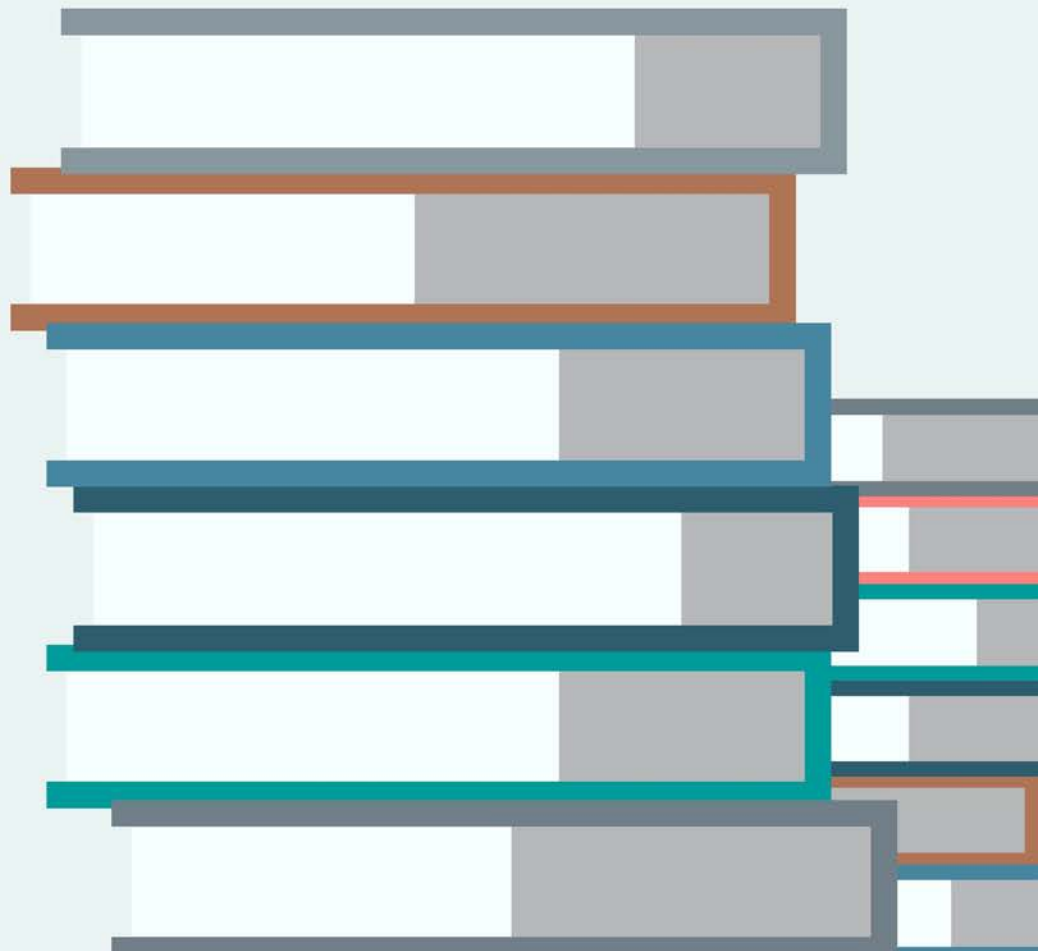
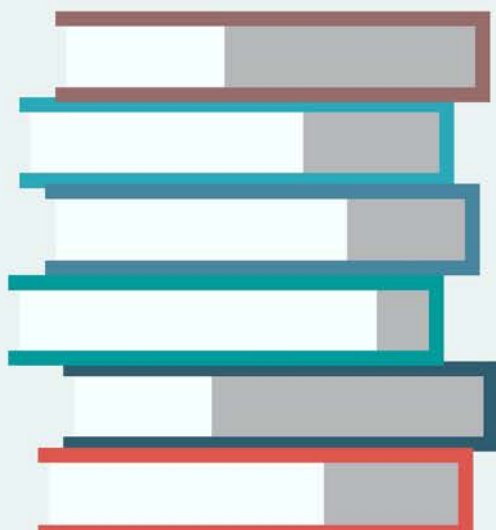


Greater Sudbury Public Library Board

New Main Library Proposal

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Key Facts

- Library services began in Sudbury in 1912
- Provincially legislated under the Ontario Public Libraries Act
- Municipally and provincially funded
- 13 library locations across Greater Sudbury
- Open to the public 588 hours a week
- 50% of citizens are active library members



GSPL by the Numbers

- 1,000,000 items circulate annually
- 25,000 program attendance each year
- 500,000 items in the collection
- In a typical week:
 - 38,000 visitors (physical & virtual)
 - 5,200 questions
 - 6,000 computer bookings
 - 5,300 electronic database uses



Main Library (Mackenzie)



History of the Main Library

- 1952 – Main library constructed
- 1976 – South wing addition
- 1977 – Reference service moved to Civic Square
- 1995 – New Main library debate begins
- 1998 – Renovations, Reference returns to Main Library
- 2003 – Space Needs Analysis Report
- 2012 – Building Assessment Report
- 2014 – New Main Library Feasibility Study



Research Findings

- 20 years of research and 7 major studies consistently identify the need for a new Main Library
- Inadequate space relative to population, operational needs, and changing services
- Current space and configuration limit ability to satisfy needs of users
- Existing building nearing the end of its designed lifespan
- Minimum investment of \$1.1 million in repairs required over the next 10 years



Other Challenges

- Inadequate parking spaces, limiting program attendance and general use
- Building health:
 - Poor natural & artificial lighting
 - Problematic HVAC system
 - Accessibility issues
- Awkward children's area, no space for teens
- Limited meeting room & study spaces
- Constrained space for programming
- Building limitations on expansion of technology resources and services



Our Vision for a New Main Library



What is a 21st Century Library?

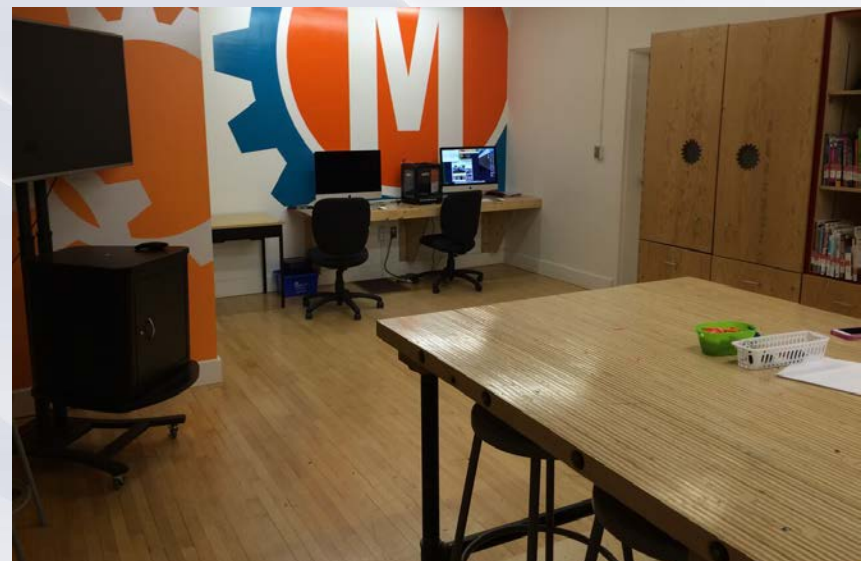
A welcoming, accessible place for all citizens to freely learn, work, and play



What is a 21st Century Library?

An information hub:

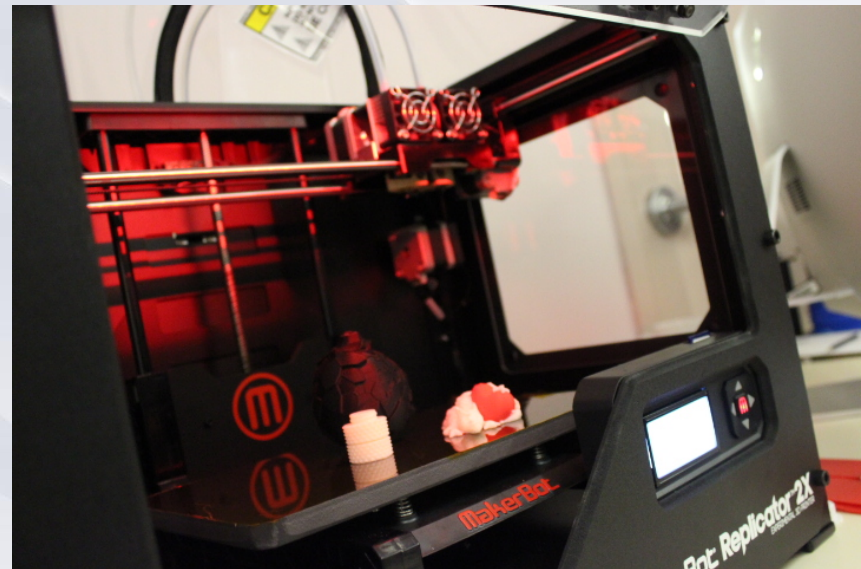
- Makerspaces, supporting exploration and innovation
- Expert staff supporting the informational needs of the community
- Comfortable space to read, study, and work
- Traditional library resources and services including:
 - Book lending, reference collection
 - Newspapers and magazines
 - Local history and genealogy
 - Computer and Internet access
 - Online databases



What is a 21st Century Library?

A hub for **arts and culture**:

- Free and easy access to cultural resources including books, music, and film
- Space for arts and culture events including concerts, film viewings, author visits, etc.
- Space to create, from arts and crafts to 3D printing
- A meeting place for individuals and community groups
- A dedicated multi-use performance space for hosting public events, performances, and viewings



What is a 21st Century Library?

A place for **integrated service delivery**

- One-stop access to essential human services
- Both government services (municipal, provincial, federal) and non-profit services
- Leveraging the existing Citizen Service Centre model
- Staff expertise in navigating the complex web of human services
- Targeted delivery of complimentary library services (e.g., tax preparation workshops, resume writing workshops, etc.)
- Potential for co-location with community groups and service providers



What is a 21st Century Library?

An institution dedicated to **lifelong learning**

- Providing access to services and resources supporting literacy education and lifelong learning
- State of the art computer lab dedicated to teaching technology skills and digital literacy
- Access to study rooms and meeting spaces
- Tools and facilities to support online education, distance education, MOOCs
- Expert-led classes and workshops on a broad-range of topics



What is a 21st Century Library?

A centre for Greater Sudbury's **Heritage**

- Dedicated space for local history and genealogy collections
- Facilities for researchers
- Digitization tools to preserve and provide access to historical documents and photographs
- Space to exhibit and interact with artifacts from the collections of Greater Sudbury Heritage Museums, Archives, and Libraries
- Climate-controlled storage to ensure conservation of documents and artifacts



Impact – Economic

- Public libraries have significant, direct economic impacts
 - Toronto Public Library*:
 - \$5.63 of Economic Impact for Every \$1 Spent
 - \$1 billion in total economic impact
- Resource lending provides free access to education and entertainment, ensuring quality of life while letting families save money

* Martin Prosperity Institute, *So Much More: The Economic Impact of the Toronto Public Library on the City of Toronto* (2013)



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Impact – Economic (cont.)

- The value of literacy:
 - Literacy is a key determinant of education, health, employment, and therefore a fundamental economic driver*
- New Main Library will support CGS building rationalization strategy, consolidating Falconbridge Archives and Lourdes School storage facility into current Main Library building with potential for significant cost savings

* UNESCO, *Education for All: Global Monitoring Report* (2006)



Impact – Social

- Essential public infrastructure providing welcoming, safe space to all citizens year round
- The value of literacy:
 - Direct correlation between literacy rates and political participation, strength of democratic institutions, and social equality*
- A gathering place for communities
- Public space, internet access support social inclusion

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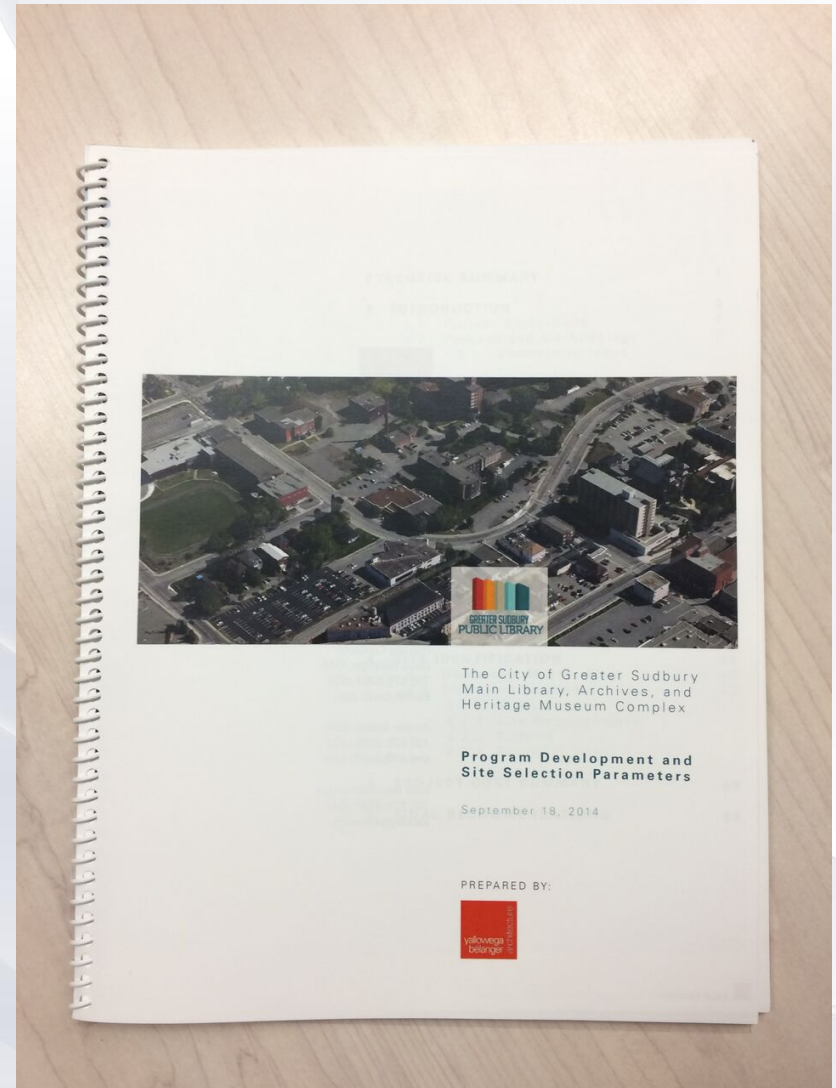
Impact – Environmental

- Opportunity for a public green building supporting for environmental education (i.e., rooftop gardens, renewable energy, greywater systems)
- GSPL developing a food literacy strategy to support healthy, sustainable consumption
- Dedicated space for learning gardens
- Sharing economy, from books to tools, at the heart of public libraries



Current Status

- Feasibility study completed and approved by Library Board
 - 50,000 sq. ft building
 - Estimated \$20 million in capital costs
- Currently conducting site selection
 - Two shortlisted sites being investigated within the downtown
- Developing a community engagement strategy for 2016
- Meeting with other organizations and community groups to explore partnership opportunities



Next Steps

- Investigating funding opportunities including Federal and Provincial grants
- Following site selection, developing a business case for presentation to Council
- Seeking Council resolution in the next 12 months



Building on Success – South End Library



South End Library

- Completed in 2012, resulting in:
 - 24% of total system circulation
 - 30% increase in circulation activity
 - 20% increase in library membership
- A true community hub for the South End and surrounding neighborhoods



NEW MAIN LIBRARY PROPOSAL

