

Funding for new Library in Surrey announced

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On Friday September 25, 2009 MLA Dona Cadman and Mayor Dianne Watts announced that funding for a new \$30 million library has been secured. The City of Surrey, the Province of British Columbia and the federal government will each contribute one third towards the cost.

The new library will be located in City Centre, near to the Surrey Central Skytrain station. The new library will offer expanded collections, a Literacy Centre that will include an electronic classroom for training

purposes, small and large community meeting spaces, wi-fi access and many other services.

"Libraries generate a lot of foot traffic, with over 2.6 million people visiting our libraries every year", says Beth Barlow, Chief Librarian. "We anticipate that the new Library at City Centre will bring additional vitality to this rapidly changing neighbourhood and help to create a focus for downtown Surrey."

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