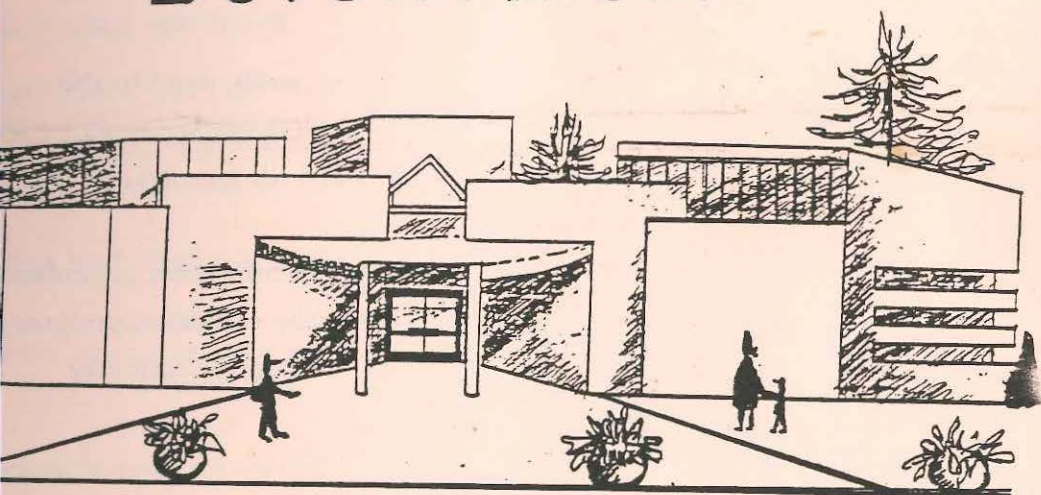


West End Library Development



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WEST END LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT

As part of our on-going commitment to provide high quality library services to the Fort Erie community, the Library Board wishes to develop a new, state-of-the-art branch in the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach area. Present facilities are old, crowded, and inadequate for the needs of the residents in the community.

We propose to have, in addition to expanded and updated media and reference areas, facilities for community gatherings, cultural programs, computer use, audio-visual services, and children's programs, all designed for easy and comfortable access by all our citizens.

The site currently being considered is on public land to the north of the West End Arena. Beyond the economic advantages of this land, is its nearness to schools and senior citizens facilities.

The building design will provide one-third more area for collections, and two-thirds more space for readers than the existing library facilities. The new building will also provide accessibility for the handicapped.

Planned as a community centre library, this branch will require the support of citizens and organizations within this community. The Library Board is approaching the Federal and Provincial governments for assistance, but we still have to rely on all groups and individuals in Fort Erie for support and encouragement.

PLANNED NEW FEATURES OF THE LIBRARY

COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM

The library will include a large community room for local organizations to hold meetings and programs. With multi-purpose design, this area will accommodate films, lectures, and live educational and entertainment programs. It will be designed to have separate access from the library.

COMPUTER INSTRUCTION ROOM

The library's program to provide opportunity for computer instruction and use will be accommodated in a separate computer room, similar to the one at Centennial Branch. Through the "Computers and Children Program" of the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture, the library will be providing computers and materials and coordinating programs for our residents.

AUDIO-VISUAL SERVICES

This new branch will incorporate listening facilities for records and tapes in a comfortable setting. The collection for home use will be enlarged and displayed for easier browsing. Film borrowing and projector rental will be streamlined.

SERVICES FOR THE HANDICAPPED

All parts of the building will be designed for handicapped access. In addition, it will house a talking book collection, and an expanded spoken word and large print collection.

REFERENCE AND HISTORY

Reference services will be expanded and strengthened, and the local history collection for the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach area enlarged.

CHILDREN'S AREA

A fully equipped children's area for story telling, movies and live programs will be incorporated. An enlarged collection and study space will be provided for educational and recreational reading.

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