

# Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) – Jasper Place Branch Building Project

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1. **Why are you rebuilding the library?** The current library has not had a major renovation for over 21 years and is in need of extensive repairs. Additionally, community needs have changed, along with the availability of new types of library services, requiring additional space and adjustments to the layout to accommodate these needs.
2. **Why not just renovate the existing building?** The current facility is in need of significant structural repairs. We undertook an independent building audit and when we looked at the cost of renovation it was nearly the same cost to rebuild. However renovating would have limited EPL's flexibility to further improve the building's design and layout. By rebuilding we get almost 50% more space, we have greater flexibility in the building design, we add a larger programming room, we gain quiet study space, we add additional parking spaces and we improve the environmental efficiency and sustainability of the building.
3. **When did the current Jasper Place Branch close?** February 13, 2011
4. **When is the new library opening?** Fall 2012
5. **Is a temporary library in the Jasper Place community available during construction?** Yes. A temporary library space is now located on the third floor of the West End Medical & Professional Building at 9509 156 St.
6. **When did the temporary library open?** February 28, 2011
7. **What services are available at the temporary library?** With limited space in our temporary library, we are not able to offer full library services and resources at this location. The following is available in the temporary library:
  - Hold pick-ups
  - Material returns (after-hours book drop is NOT be available)
  - High demand materials including: CDs, DVDs, video games, best-sellers to go, paperbacks, magazines, newspapers
  - Limited public computers with Internet access
  - Unlimited Wi-Fi

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**8. What are the hours of service for the temporary library?**

Mon >> 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Tue/Wed/Thu >> 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.  
Fri >> 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Sat >> 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sun >> closed

**9. What is the phone number for the temporary library?** 780.496.1810.**10. What happens to all the programs available at the Jasper Place**

**Branch?** EPL is committed to maintaining the high level of great service our customers have come to expect. Jasper Place staff will be redeployed to both the Lois Hole and Woodcroft locations allowing for increased programming in these locations. We will also look at more ways to deliver our great programs outside the library and within the Jasper Place community. We encourage our customers to continue to attend our great programs in these locations.

**11. The Jasper Place Branch serves many seniors in the community. How will these customers be served during the closure?** We currently serve many of the seniors in the area through our Assistive Services that provide home delivery to people in need. We also provide blocks of books to seniors' residences in the areas. These services will continue. Customers interested in learning more about this service can phone 780-496-1888 for more information.**12. How much will the new library cost?** Total project costs are approximately \$14 million.**13. Will parking be better in the new library?** The new design allows for additional parking spaces. However, space limitations on the current site impact our ability to add as much parking as we would like.**14. What will happen to the trees in the construction area?** Some trees will be removed to make room for the expanded library building. It is the intention, however, to retain as many trees as possible as they provide attractive landscaping in the area and play an important role in producing oxygen and reducing carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. Architects and planners have made every effort to locate and design the new space to minimize impacts to the existing site. The design of the new library incorporates the large elm tree at the front of the building and extensive vegetation will be replanted which will add significantly to the green amenity of the area.

**15. What are we doing with the demolished building?** Part of LEED certification is environmentally-friendly disposal of the demolished site. We will share more information as the details of this process become available.

**16. How do I keep up-to-date on the status of the Jasper Place Branch construction project?** We will continue to provide updated information via the building project page on the EPL website at [http://www.epl.ca/about-epl/building\\_projects](http://www.epl.ca/about-epl/building_projects).

**17. When was the original Jasper Place Branch opened?** The original Jasper Place Branch opened in 1961 and Jasper Place at that time was a separate municipality.

**18. What will happen to the Jasper Place Branch collections during the construction?** High demand materials will be available at the temporary library located at 9509 156 Street. Some of the Jasper Place Branch collections will be dispersed to other service points and made available to our customers. The rest of the Jasper Place Branch collection will be stored in the basement of Stanley A. Milner Library.