

Media Advisory

Media Advisory: EPL set to open new Calder Branch Join us for a sneak peek inside

EDMONTON, AB, January 17, 2018 – Join the Edmonton Public Library (EPL) for a media tour of [our new Calder Branch](#) before it opens to the public.

The new standalone Calder Branch, at 10,000 square feet, is almost double the size of the current strip mall location. EPL has been serving a diverse clientele in the Calder area since 1992. In order to meet the needs of the community, we broke ground on the new facility at 127 Street and 131 Avenue in June 2016.

Officially opening on January 31, 2018, the new library features a large community room, quiet study space, flexible programming space, 17 public computers, free Wi-Fi and a central reading area complete with a fireplace. The site also boasts a 24-hour book return, easy access by foot, vehicles and public transportation, a front courtyard with seating and designed planting, and green garden spaces that extend the library into its backyard.

The project, designed by Atelier Tag and The Marc Boutin Architectural Collaborative, reflects the Calder area's historic ties to the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway. Targeting LEED Silver certification, it is one of 20 EPL locations.

The new branch also features a mosaic mural comprised of approximately 7,500 custom-made triangular-shaped stained glass tiles. The piece was created by Vancouver artists Rebecca Bayer and David Gregory, who connected with more than 150 people in the community to gain inspiration during workshops in June 2016. The 10 colours used were inspired by the environment of Alberta, while the piece is intended to offer a friendly invitation to all people in a universal language of colour and geometric pattern.

Tour Details:

When: Monday, January 22, 2018

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: 12710 131 Avenue

Please RSVP to Heather McIntyre: 780-496-7055 or hmcintyre@epl.ca



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