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Waterloo Public Library announces grand opening of new Eastside Branch

The Waterloo Public Library (WPL) is excited to announce an official opening date for the new Eastside Branch. Located at the RIM Park Manulife Sportsplex at 2001 University Ave. East, the Eastside Branch is a vibrant, contemporary space, designed by John MacDonald Architect Inc. in joint venture with Ward99 Architects Inc., to reflect the community that surrounds it. With soaring ceilings, inviting lounge areas, light-filled interiors and an outdoor nature courtyard, the newest addition to the Waterloo Public Library system is a stunning gathering space for the community.

The Eastside Branch will open its doors to the public on Saturday, May 7th at 1:00pm until 5:30pm. Opening day celebrations will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, giveaways and special programs for all ages.

“We are simply thrilled,” says Laurie Clarke, Waterloo Public Library’s CEO. “We are thankful for everyone who worked so diligently to build this beautiful new library, amid a global pandemic no less. We can’t wait for the community to explore and enjoy their newest branch.”

“It is an extraordinary feeling, arriving at this point in time, where we are expanding library services across the City of Waterloo,” says Karen Coviello, Chair of the Waterloo Public Library Board. “It has been a long, and sometimes complicated, journey to get here but we’re thrilled to have created a modern, sustainably-funded, four branch library system for this incredible community,” says Coviello. “We know that learning and literacy are key values of this city, so having public spaces like our libraries that provide those opportunities is essential. Coming out of the pandemic, we look forward to welcoming everyone to the gorgeous new Eastside Branch as we return to more normal days.”

“We have immense gratitude for the support that the residents of Waterloo continue to show us,” says Clarke. We invite the community to join us as we celebrate this momentous occasion and we look forward to all the wonderful days ahead in our fabulous Eastside Branch.”

For more details about the Grand Opening and the Eastside Branch, please visit wpl.ca/eastside.

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