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## LIBRARY WASHROOM RENOVATIONS BEGIN

Stratford Public Library (SPL) will be undergoing renovations to upgrade the men's, women's and accessible washrooms! Construction will begin August 29 and will take most of the fall to complete. The library will also extend its Labour Day weekend closure to be from Saturday September 3 to Monday September 5 to allow for some intensive work to be completed.

The renovations to the children's floor washrooms will begin first, upgrading facilities from a group men's and women's washroom to four individual gender-neutral washrooms, one of which will be a barrier-free accessible washroom. After the children's floor construction is complete, the accessible washroom on the adult and teen floor will be upgraded. Updates on washroom availability during the construction period will be made on the library website.

"We have worked hard over the past few years to make SPL an attractive space for our community. Having accessible and attractive washrooms is an important addition," says Library CEO Julia Merritt. "We believe the changes will help us serve our community better and we extend our thanks to the City of Stratford for spearheading the funding initiative to support the Library's services."

The children's floor washrooms were installed in 1965 and the adult floor washroom was installed in 1975. Both have seen limited upgrades since then. Stratford City Council approved the SPL washroom renovation project as part of the 2022 budget, with funding for the washroom renovations coming from the Federal Enabling Accessibility Grant and City of Stratford Capital reserves.

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