

Media Release

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KFPL calls on the community to help to shape Facilities Master Plan

Kingston-Frontenac, tell us how and why you use Kingston Frontenac Public Library spaces, and help shape our facilities over the next 20 years through our upcoming <u>Facilities Master Plan engagement process</u>.

We are working with <u>Monteith Brown Planning Consultants</u> to develop a new Facilities Master Plan that will renew our space-related vision, and community input is critical. Public feedback will also be used to develop the library's next strategic plan.

"This is one of the most important community conversations KFPL will have in this decade — it is vital that we hear from all members of the community, especially those who aren't using our services," said Laura Carter, Chief Librarian and CEO. "The community will help determine how the library offers service and what our spaces will look like now and through 2042, and will guide our strategic goals over the next few years."

The plan will ensure that KFPL offers quality facilities over the next two decades and that those spaces respond to the emerging needs of both urban and rural communities. We particularly want to reach members of the community who don't use the library to find out what types of space and services would encourage them to visit our branches.

Public engagement is just beginning — now is the chance to have your say!

We are launching a <u>community survey</u> to gather insights about why people use the library and what they want to see happening in our branches; what they value most about our branches, programs and services; standout libraries they have visited in other communities; and what improvements should be made in KFPL branches. The survey will run from Mar. 7 to Apr. 4.

Community members are also invited to a series of <u>open house events</u> across the Kingston-Frontenac area in March, including a virtual open house.

Please subscribe to our <u>Engage KFPL newsletter</u> to receive updates on this project, and email <u>FMP@kfpl.ca</u> with questions or additional comments. You can also visit <u>community.kfpl.ca</u> for more information, and learn about other upcoming engagement events.