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Library Announces New Branch in Growing Southern Sector

Residents in Stonebridge will see a new neighbourhood public library branch opening in 2016.

“We’re pleased to be expanding library service in one of the fastest-growing sectors in the city. Our new branch will be in close proximity to new schools and seniors’ residences and will benefit many young families in the area,” said Zenon Zuzak, Director of Libraries.

The neighbourhood branch will be located near Preston Avenue and Hunter Road and will be 5,000 square feet, slightly smaller than the library’s newest location, The Library on 20th Street Branch.

The lease arrangement provides an option for future expansion, which enables the library to keep pace with the neighbourhood’s projected growth.

“The library’s top capital priority remains the development of a new central library. However, when Meridian Development Corporation approached the library board in 2013 with an invitation to build and lease a new neighbourhood branch, the board decided to act,” said Zuzak.

“Saskatoon is experiencing phenomenal growth and if you don’t have land base, you don’t have opportunity. And this is a fantastic opportunity for the community.”

The new branch will cost an estimated 1.3 million, with an annual operating budget of \$870,000.

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