

WINNIPEG LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE



MILLENNIUM LIBRARY PARK

See the exciting changes happening right now to that space behind the Millennium Library. Downtown has never had a greenspace like this one.

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Greetings

It gives me great pleasure to extend greetings to our many friends on behalf of the Winnipeg Library Foundation. The Foundation is continuing its efforts to support the Winnipeg Public Library, and we hope that you'll take a few moments to read this update and catch up on what we've been doing.

As always, we are grateful for your past and ongoing support.

Best wishes,

Carole Marshall
Executive Director



UNIQUE AND VERSATILE: MILLENNIUM LIBRARY PARK

Visitors to the Millennium Library over the last few months have had the opportunity to watch a vision taking shape right outside the window. Millennium Library Park, located directly south of the Library, has been undergoing a transformation from a disused, unappreciated corner to a vibrant, welcoming greenspace.



Providing spaces for public gatherings as well as quiet contemplation, an urban wetland, grasslands area, aspen parkland and riverbottom forest reading garden are all part of the design, incorporating Manitoba's native plant and tree species. And, Millennium Library Park was chosen as the site for a major public art project, scheduled for installation in Spring 2012. This piece will be the largest public art project in Winnipeg to date, and is funded by the Cultural Capitals program and the Winnipeg Arts Council's Public Art program.

The park incorporates new technology for water recycling and energy conservation, and design features ensure the park is a safe downtown destination.

While many of the park's features will be in place for the grand opening in Spring 2012, its vision will be far from fully realized. A Stage, a Programming Kiosk, and other major features still require your support to become reality.



◆◆◆ ARTIST'S DEPICTIONS OF THE PARK ARE COMPARED TO PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE PARK UNDER CONSTRUCTION AS OF NOVEMBER 2011. DRAWINGS SHOW SECOND-FLOOR AND MAIN FLOOR VIEWS OF MILLENNIUM PLAZA, WITH SIMILAR PHOTOS. FUTURE PLANS ARE TO PAVE THE PLAZA TO ALLOW FOR MAXIMUM FOOT TRAFFIC, AS SHOWN IN THE DRAWINGS. CURRENTLY, SOIL IS BEING ADDED TO ALLOW FOR GRASS TO BE PLANTED, A MORE AFFORDABLE SOLUTION FOR NOW.





THE BOARDWALK FEATURE OF THE URBAN WETLAND IS IN PLACE. THE SQUARE WINDMILL BASE AND WINDMILL ARE BEING ASSEMBLED ON THE GROUND.



YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US COMPLETE THE TRANSFORMATION OF MILLENNIUM LIBRARY PARK INTO A DOWNTOWN DESTINATION THAT IS ACTIVE, SUSTAINABLE, FLEXIBLE AND FUN - TRULY THE CROWNING JEWEL OF OUR BEAUTIFUL LIBRARY.

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MILLENNIUM LIBRARY MATERIALS STILL NEEDED

The Millennium Library is the central branch and the administrative heart of the entire library, providing cataloging, processing, distribution, and other services. It is the busiest library in the city. Its collections support all the branches by providing new materials and efficient distribution, and provides the strong foundation of the entire Winnipeg Public Library service.

Your donation to the Millennium Library Materials campaign adds to the books, reference volumes, audiobooks, e-books, CD-ROMs, magazines, videos, and multi-lingual materials available to every library patron.

Help us keep our library at a level of excellence that will help our community to flourish. Help us fill the shelves and make our public library the best it can be. ◆◆◆

DID YOU KNOW...?

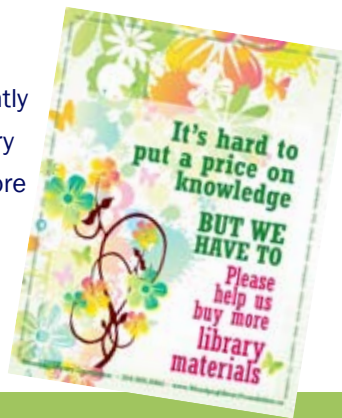
- ◆ The Library's collection of electronic materials (ebooks and audiobooks) contains over 17,000 titles.
- ◆ Over 100,000 items were borrowed from the collection this year.
- ◆ This is double last year's number of items borrowed, which was in turn double that of the previous year.
- ◆ The number is expected to double next year too.
- ◆ Annually the biggest increase in usage is early in the year, because of all the devices given as gifts during the holiday season!

MAKING A DONATION NOW EASIER THAN EVER

We're delighted to be able to provide you with a variety of options for supporting the Winnipeg Library Foundation.

- ◆ Give by mail - cheques made out to the Winnipeg Library Foundation are always gratefully accepted.
- ◆ Donate online - visit www.winnipeglibraryfoundation.ca and click on the Donate button. Follow the links to target your donation to the project of your choice.
- ◆ Send a card - we'll commemorate any special occasion by mailing a greeting card to the recipient of your choice, indicating that you have made a donation on their behalf to the Foundation. Add a message to make this gift even more personal.
- ◆ Buy a book - copies of *Winnipeg: Images of a Century Ago* are still available. Buy online, contact the Foundation, or drop by the Best Friends giftshop in the lobby of the Millennium Library to get your copy - now only \$50.
- ◆ Drop some cash in our coin boxes - brightly coloured coin boxes are available in every library branch. Every dollar helps buy more materials for the library.

We're grateful for your donation, regardless of what form it takes, so choose whatever method you prefer!



DONATING ONLINE: IS IT SAFE?

While the convenience of donating online is unquestionable, many people still have concerns about the security of their credit card information.

The Winnipeg Library Foundation processes online payments using PayPal. PayPal processes billions of dollars of transactions annually in over 24 currencies worldwide, and is considered to be a highly secure payment service. Credit card information is encrypted while travelling between your computer and PayPal (a "lock" icon in your browser shows you it's working). The Foundation never sees or stores your credit card or banking information - it's simply processed by PayPal, and then we receive your donation.

Looking Forward

In 2012, we will be continuing our work in support of Millennium Library Park, and our ongoing initiatives to keep our library's collections as strong as possible.

As St. John's Library and Cornish Library approach their 100th birthdays, plans are in the works for major renovations to both branches, and we are committed to helping make this a reality.

We hope you will join us.

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