



Hamilton's newly-renovated Public Library.

Spaciousness meets high-tech in renovated Library

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Hamilton Public Library officials decided to go with a "soft launch" of their newly-renovated main floor over the holidays in order to ensure that some high-tech enhancements were working smoothly.

The main floor is spacious and airy thanks to the glass curtain wall that looks onto York Boulevard. The library is now directly connected to the farmers market in order for shoppers to easily access the library as well.

The interior glass walls are capable of displaying images and will be used to project work of local artists and other images.

LCD lights in the glass wall are programmable and can display a variety of colour sequences which are seen in the downtown core at night.

The main lobby contains 50 new computers accessible to the public who have a library card. Desks are available with plugs for users who want to bring their laptop and connect to wireless internet.

Aquariums full of fish attract the children's attention in the kids' area, which also includes toys to keep them occupied.

Another new feature are the self-check out counters and catalogs for increased efficiency. Users can find books and check them out on their own if they do not want to wait for assistance.

The returns counter is now equipped with a conveyor belt that carries newly returned books downstairs for processing and sorting.

The front lobby also displays artwork by local children working with reusable materials.