



## READ Rosemount

*A community group for the expansion and development of the Rosemount Library*

# Rosemount Revitalization 2018

## Info Page

The Ottawa Public Library's (OPL) revitalization of the 100 year old **Rosemount** branch is beginning. The work is urgently needed to ensure Rosemount is best able to serve our vibrant, growing neighbourhood as an innovative, interactive and integrated community hub.

Here's why revitalization is so important:

- ⇒ **Priority:** Rosemount has been an OPL Board capital priority for more than five years.
- ⇒ **Service Area:** Rosemount serves @ 40,000 residents. It has neither the *space* nor the *capacity* to provide service like its six comparator branches – *Elmvale Acres, Alta Vista, Carlingwood, Emerald Plaza, North Gloucester & St-Laurent*. **Click here** or ([www.readrosemount.ca/resources/](http://www.readrosemount.ca/resources/)) for comparative info.
- ⇒ **Age:** Current Rosemount building is 100 years old in 2018. It was last expanded in 1936 and last significantly upgraded in 1984.
- ⇒ **Circulation of books & other materials:** Rosemount has the HIGHEST circulation of items per square foot of all the 33 OPL branches. This means that while it is busy, it is also VERY crowded.
- ⇒ **Size:** Rosemount has 6,089 sq.ft. It needs about 10,000 sq. ft. to effectively serve the 40,000 residents in its catchment area.
- ⇒ **Meeting rooms:** Rosemount has no public bookable meeting rooms. All urban and suburban OPL branches have these kinds of meetings rooms.
- ⇒ **Study space:** Rosemount has no group study rooms and is deficient in individual study spaces.
- ⇒ **Kids and Teens:** Rosemount needs a better kids' area and a teen zone area.
- ⇒ **Community space:** Rosemount needs more leisure and community space; and Rosemount needs to expand with programs in other community spaces.
- ⇒ **Seating:** Rosemount needs more seating. Our branch has significantly fewer seats (31) and computer workstations (7) than its six comparator branches (*see above*).
- ⇒ **Light:** Rosemount needs lots of light and comfortable spaces for its users.
- ⇒ **Technology:** Rosemount needs to keep up with other branches in providing new technology and automated systems for both users and staff.
- ⇒ **Access:** Rosemount needs more open hours especially Sundays and Friday mornings.

### Have Your Say:

1. **SURVEY:** Fill out the 7 minute OPL bilingual survey. [Click here.](#)
2. **OPEN HOUSE:** Attend the OPL Open House at the Rosemount Branch on Wednesday, **October 3 from 6-8 pm**. Meet the architects and other community members. Make suggestions, ask questions. Help plan for the future.
3. **NEED MORE INFORMATION?** Check the READ [website](#) to find out about developments at other Ottawa branches and other libraries across Canada.

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