

### **Q 13. Why did the Ponoka Jubilee Library need to move from its old building into a bigger space?**

- The Library had outgrown the old building. The changing role of the Library has evolved into providing different kinds of programming and services to the community, which resulted in its previous building no longer meeting its user needs.
- The Ponoka Jubilee Library now serves all of Ponoka County and Maskwacis. The number of Library users and patrons who utilize services and programming through the Ponoka Jubilee Library is higher than ever and those numbers continue to climb rapidly. From January to June 2017, the Library registered more than 200 new users at its current facility. As of January 2019, the Library is serving 200 to 300 patrons daily at its new location in the Ponoka Civic Building.
- The Ponoka Jubilee Library's new location in the Ponoka Civic Building has allowed it to significantly increase and enhance the programming it can offer to better serve our community.
- Some of the expanded programming now offered at the Ponoka Jubilee Library includes:
  - **The Young and the Restless** – A program for babies and new parents. It offers parents a social and educational program opportunity that benefits both them and their child.
  - **A monthly guest speaker program** that features a variety of community members who share interesting stories and information in an informal setting.
  - **An expanded 'Indigenous Stories' collection and increased multicultural programming** to better meet the needs of Ponoka's diverse multicultural community. Following the Ponoka Jubilee Library Plan of Service 2017-2022, the Library has allocated 10 per cent of its ordering budget to Indigenous materials. A **Tagalog Storytime** is also held once monthly.
  - **Arts-based programming** encompassing a variety of media and disciplines, including painting, printmaking, sound recording and graphic design.
  - **Innovation and technology-centred programs** are offered. Through the adoption of new technologies, these programs utilize technological tools and instruction beyond what the Library was able to offer at its old location.

- **Yoga Storytime** – A movement and meditation based story time for ages 0 - 5 years old.
- **Music performance events** – The Library is working on providing this type of event in the future. Like most Library programming, it would be offered free of charge.