

Q 15. Why does the Ponoka Jubilee Library need to move from its current building into a bigger space?

- The current Library has outgrown its existing space. The changing role of the Library has evolved into providing different kinds of programming and services to the community, which has resulted in the existing space no longer being ideal.
- 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.
- The new, expanded Library space planned for the Community Learning Centre will allow the Ponoka Jubilee Library to significantly increase and enhance the programming it can offer to better serve our community.
- Some of the expanded programming planned at the Ponoka Jubilee Library includes:
 - **A 'Babies and Books' program** planned for September 2017, which offers new parents a social and educational program opportunity that will benefit both them and their child.
 - **A guest speaker program** that features a variety of community members who will 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 committed 10 per cent of its ordering budget to Indigenous materials.
 - **Cree language instruction** and conversational opportunities to better meet the needs of the local community.
 - **Arts-based programming** encompassing a variety of media and disciplines, including painting, printmaking, sound recording and graphic design.
 - **Innovation and technology-centred programs** that will be offered through adopting new technologies. These programs will seek to utilize technological tools and instruction beyond what the Library is currently able to offer at its existing location.
 - **Music performance events** that, like most Library programming, will be offered free of charge.