

## **Why build a new library?**

When it opened in 1995, the library was designed to serve 18,500 citizens, whereas today the population of Vaudreuil-Dorion stands at 43,268 citizens. The library falls short of standards in terms of seating, computer stations and work/study rooms. It is currently the busiest building in the City with an average of 475 users per day.

As an example, expanding will allow us to offer new spaces dedicated to teenagers and new technologies, available rooms for citizens to use as well as an exhibition hall.

## **A few figures**

Registered users: 9,164

Number of annual loans: 283,371

Number of visits: 167,664 (more than 475 people per day on average, making it the most visited municipal building every day)

Open: 351 days a year, 69 hours a week

## **Services:**

Digital creation laboratory: open 7 days a week

Summer Reading Club: 803 young participants this summer

Searching assistance, interlibrary loans

Training workshops — for new technologies in particular

## **Activities/Lectures:**

- For children and teenagers: more than 90 per year
- For adults: more than 60 per year
- For seniors: more than 139 per year (Document loans in Senior's Homes)

## **The future library will include:**

- More spaces for youths, teenagers and adults that are specially adapted to the specific needs of each clientele. (Currently, the library reaches only 42% of the Quebec standard in terms of surface area needed to meet the needs of the population and 30% of the seating required).

- A larger digital creation laboratory equipped with state-of-the-art technological, media and fabrication tools in addition to a recording studio
- **6 private rooms for team projects**
- **2 large rooms able to accommodate more than 125 people (available to citizens)**
- A document collection that meets the needs of citizens (paper and digital books, board games, video games, CDs, DVDs, magazines, etc.), in addition to an object library (musical instruments)

## **City Hall**

The City of Vaudreuil-Dorion is currently renting its City Hall until the lease expires in 2024. The cost of the rent amounts to \$340,000 per year. The construction of a building combining the new library, City Hall and a public square is an opportunity to gather several divisions under one single roof to better serve citizens and to own his building.

### **More information on the municipal hub**

- The structure of the building will be primarily made of wood with an exterior composed of large windows and translucent panels. Only the foundation, underground parking and part of the public square will be made of concrete.
- The public square will be busy with a host of activities and events. For example, it might be transformed into a skating rink during winter. It will also be equipped with street furniture and facilities such as picnic tables, benches, bicycle racks and an outdoor amphitheater, etc.
- The entrance hall will serve as an exhibition hall with a small café and a monumental staircase that can be turned into bleacher seating, transforming the lobby into a space for socialization
- More than 30% of the outdoor land space will be converted into green areas (bioretention, planting beds and vegetated surfaces accessible to pedestrians). Room to plant almost 150 coniferous and deciduous trees.
- This building is designed to focus on energy efficiency thanks to its ability to promote passive energy (sunshine, natural ventilation) and energy recovery.

## **Aquatic Centre**

As for the aquatic centre, the City of Vaudreuil-Dorion has undertaken a needs analysis study in order to be eligible for a government grant, when the time is right. A meeting was held with the various sports associations to establish their needs. Visits were made to aquatic centres to learn from the experience of other municipalities. The project is ready to go, and the City is waiting for the announcement of government grant programs.

For the time being, citizens have access to the indoor pool at the *Cité-des-Jeunes* campus, two outdoor pools and water play areas in several parks.