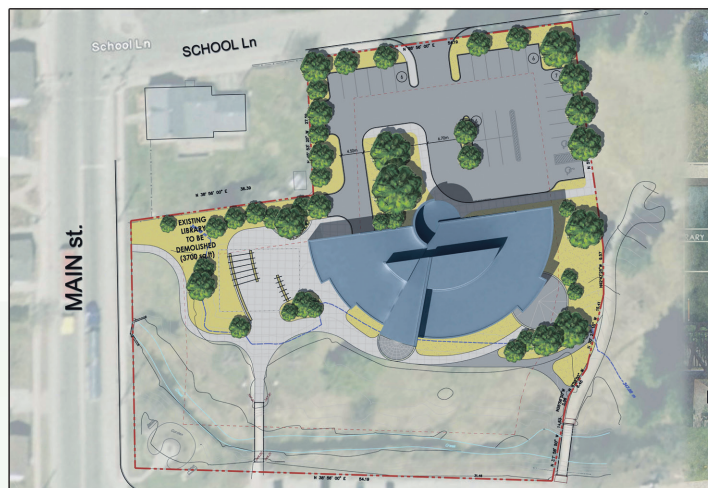


# Culture Matters

## Breaking New Ground At Your Library

Here we grow again at Halton Hills Public Library! Not only is the downtown Georgetown Library slated for renovation soon but so too is the Acton Branch Library, due for completion in March 2011.

The new Acton Branch Library will be 9,000 square feet – instead of the current 2,700 square feet – and will be located east of the present site. Last rebuilt in 1967 in celebration of Canada's centennial, Acton Branch is an increasingly popular community hub. In fact, Acton Branch loaned out 101,481 items in 2009, surpassing the 100,000 mark for the very first time.

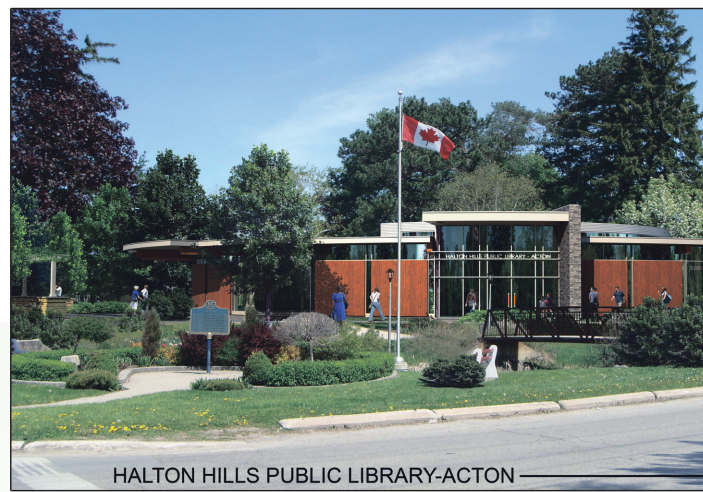


Site Plan for the proposed Acton Branch renovation.

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Community demand isn't the only reason a different facility is needed, though. The old building is multi-level, requiring customers to go up or down a level upon entering. The new building will be at ground level and will use barrier-free design, making it accessible to persons with wheelchairs, scooters, walking aids, and strollers.

In keeping with public concern about the environment, the new Acton Branch will also be "green," expecting to achieve LEED Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design – Silver status in its construction and operation.



HALTON HILLS PUBLIC LIBRARY-ACTON  
Perspective View of the proposed Acton Branch renovation

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The \$3.5-million building is being funded jointly by the Town of Halton Hills and the federal and provincial governments, each of the latter giving a third through the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

## Cultural Symposium a Resounding Success

Thanks to strong community support and participation, this year's Cultural Symposium was a great success!

A complete summary of the event, including all presentation materials, is now available on the website:

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