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LIBRARIES BECOMING ACTIVITY CENTRES

*Council looks at location,
 user rates at facility*

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Libraries used to be where we went to borrow creative works made by others.

Now, it is the patron who utilizes his or her imagination to create those materials and it happens in the library.

"It's an important shift," said Jim Morgenstern, principal at dma Consulting, during his update to councillors Tuesday on the Whitchurch-Stouffville Public Library's current and future space requirement study he is conducting.

The same presentation was given to residents Wednesday night in the only public consultation opportunity of the study.

The study is expected to be completed next month.

"The public library that we remember is actually not the public library we see and know in other communities today," Mr. Morgenstern said. "The emphasis on print is much diminished."

But that does not mean print is dead. Rather, space once allo-

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MIXED EMOTIONS



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Stouffville District Secondary School students Kathleen Rogers (from left), Nicole Carino and Joey Lang rehearse for the school play, Competition Piece. The one-act farce about a high school drama festival will be staged at the school May 16 and 17 at 7 p.m. Call 905-640-1433 for more.

Two drownings on Musselman's Lake last summer

Firefighters teaching water safety in schools

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Local fire departments no longer solely douse fires.

Now they provide public and life safety information, which includes fire and burn prevention, as well as choking, poisoning, cycling and

water hazard awareness and how to avoid them.

"Education is a big key," said Jennifer Cooper, fire prevention and public education officer for Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services.

This spring, Ms Cooper is putting extra attention on educating

children in junior kindergarten to Grade 5 about water safety. Although it is something Ms Cooper teaches every year, this spring, she said, more local schools have requested her specifically to come in and speak to the students about water, its dangers and how to avoid them.

"It's water safety. It's not an alternative to swimming lessons. Swimming lessons are always key," Ms Cooper cautioned.

She recently made a presentation at Ballantrae Public School, the home school for many Mussel-

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