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### **New Central Library Schematic Design Released, Final Public Consultation Scheduled**

Today, Saskatoon Public Library (SPL) released an updated design and floorplans for the new central library and announced details around the final public design-related consultation event.

The project's Schematic Design Report contains an updated exterior rendering, detailed floorplans for each level of the library, and other details on key features that will be included in this public facility. The report can be viewed on the [New Central Library website](#).

The final public consultation event has also been scheduled for Wednesday, Jan 26 at 7 pm. During this event, residents can watch a presentation and share their feedback and ideas with the project team. The consultation will be held over Zoom and patrons can register at [splconnect.ca](#).

"We're so excited to have reached the final stage of the design phase, and would like to thank everyone who has contributed feedback and ideas throughout this process," said Carol Cooley, SPL's CEO. "We're confident this new library will reflect our diverse community and meet the wide-ranging needs of Saskatoon's residents for decades to come."

The project remains on budget at \$134 million. At the end of the schematic design process, SPL received two independent Class C cost estimates indicating the design is within the \$73.3 million construction budget. For their estimates, the cost consultants took into account inflation and COVID-related increases to construction costs. Cost estimates will be completed again at the end of the design development phase.

The new central library is scheduled to open in 2026. The design is led by architects Alfred Waugh (Formline Architecture) and Stephan Chevalier (Chevalier Morales Architectes). The final design of the new central library will be unveiled later this year.

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