

The background of the entire page is a detailed architectural floor plan of a library building. The plan is rendered in white lines on an orange background. It shows various rooms including a 'LIBRARY' (103), 'ENTRY' (110), 'STORAGE' (111), 'CORRIDOR' (113), 'OFFICE' (112), and 'WORKROOM' (114). There are also numerous smaller rooms, desks, and furniture layouts. The text 'KITCHEN TABLE DISCUSSION GUIDE' is overlaid in large, bold, white letters across the center of the plan.

KITCHEN TABLE DISCUSSION GUIDE

**New Central Library
DIGGING DEEPER! SCHEMATIC DESIGN PHASE**

Close date Jun 25, 2021



**SASKATOON
PUBLIC LIBRARY**

INTRODUCTION

Thank you for helping inform the schematic design for Saskatoon's new central library by hosting a Kitchen Table Conversation.

Kitchen Table Conversations are part of our broader community engagement process. You are contributing to a process that includes:

- Online surveys and interactive activities.
- Meetings with key community stakeholders and groups.
- Facilitated community workshops.
- Consultation with volunteer resident advisory groups.

Kitchen Table Conversations are designed for a small group of people who get together to talk in a comfortable and informal setting. They are great for people who would rather have a conversation than complete an online survey or attend a public forum. The Discussion Guide helps facilitate a conversation with family, friends, neighbours and colleagues about the new central library.

Anyone can host a discussion. All you need to do is bring together a group of people who are willing to participate. Participants don't need to be an expert on the subject of libraries or architecture. All they need is a willingness to listen and share ideas.

The information that comes out of your discussion will help the new central library design team achieve the project's vision of being a welcoming, inclusive and barrier-free place for everyone who calls Saskatoon home.

LET'S GET STARTED

This guide will help you host a Kitchen Table Conversation.

Included in this guide is:

- Background information about the new central library project.
- Information for conversation hosts.
- Information and guidelines for the meeting.
- A feedback sheet for recording the conversation.

TIPS FOR HOSTING

1. The setting should be comfortable and informal: a home, coffee shop, or during the pandemic, a telephone or video call. Please follow all COVID-19 public health orders.
2. Invite up to five people that you know.
3. When you invite people, direct them to the new central library website so they can learn more about the project at saskatooncentrallibrary.ca.
4. Plan for your discussion to take about 90 minutes. Suggested times are listed to keep your event on track.
5. Be prepared to moderate the conversation to make sure that you hear from everyone and that no one dominates the conversation. Also, you'll need to make sure that everyone acts respectfully, even if they disagree with another participant.
6. Your final job as host is to make sure the feedback and opinions of the group are recorded and submitted to the library.

GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATION

1. Speak on behalf of yourself only.
2. If you are not speaking, listen to others openly.
3. Assume the best intentions of other participants.
4. Be mindful of others and make sure everyone has the opportunity to participate and contribute.

PREPARING FOR THE DISCUSSION

As the host, you have an important role as facilitator. Your role is to read and understand this guide so that you can answer questions and help others. Your role also includes documenting the feedback and opinions of your group.

Kitchen Table Conversations are not votes. It's not about the number of people agreeing or disagreeing. It's about capturing a wide-range of perspectives, ideas and opinions.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

The design for the new central library draws inspiration from traditional First Nation and Métis architecture and Saskatoon's natural landscape.

The translucent exterior references the tipi and offers an abundance of diffused natural light and ever-present views of the prairie sky. At night, the library will be a glowing lantern—a beacon in the heart of Saskatoon. Designed as a tree, the building's interior structure has a concrete structural trunk and a light wood mass timber branching out to create an open and comfortable environment.

Please review the concept design report before completing this Kitchen Table Kit. You can download the report at saskatoonlibrary.ca or pick up a copy at any library location.

Did you review the New Central Library Concept Design Report?

Yes No

SECTION 1: CONCEPT DESIGN

Only complete the sections which you are interested in providing feedback on.

What do you like about the concept design ideas so far?

What would you change or modify about the design concept?

Is there anything you hoped to see reflected in the design that we didn't consider?

SECTION 2: CHILDREN'S LIBRARY

What would you change about the layout (placement of the collection, furniture and equipment) in the children's area at Frances Morrison Central Library?

What makes the storyroom at Frances Morrison Central Library special?

Where would the location of the stroller parking be most convenient?

- Adjacent to the story room
- Near the entrance to the Children's library
- Near the entrance to the Children's library

Would you like there to be public computers available children's area?

- Yes
- No

Is there any technology you would like us to consider including in the children's area in the new central library?

**What types of toys would you like to have available?
Check all that apply.**

- Puzzles & games
- Dolls, trucks, stuffies
- Manipulatives & hands-on toys
- Interactive & tech toys

**What could we improve to make the children's area
in the new central library more welcoming?**

**What do you want us to remember about your needs
when we design the children's area?**

SECTION 3: CREATION SPACES

How would you envision using the creation & innovation spaces? Check all that apply.

- Independently
- With a group of 2–3 people
- With a group of up to 6 people
- I don't anticipate using these spaces

How important would it be to you to be able to book these spaces ahead of time versus dropping in?

- Not at all important
- Somewhat important
- Important
- Somewhat important to book ahead
- Very important

How could we make the creation & innovation spaces in the new central library welcoming?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design the creation & innovation spaces?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design the video gaming spaces?

SECTION 3: THEATRE, PROGRAMMING/ MEETING ROOMS

Is there special equipment or technology you would like us to consider including in the theatre in the new central library?

What would you change about the layout of the programming/meeting room at Frances Morrison Central Library?

**What could we improve to make the programming/
meeting rooms in the new central library more
welcoming?**

**Is there special equipment or technology you would
like us to consider including in the programming/
meeting rooms & small bookable rooms in the new
central library?**

What could we improve to make the spaces better for people who are renting these spaces in the new central library?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design the theatre and programming rooms?

SECTION 5: LOCAL HISTORY & GALLERY

What would you change about the layout (placement of the collection, furniture and equipment) in Local History library space at Frances Morrison Central Library?

Is there special equipment or technology you would like us to consider including in Local History in the new central library?

How could we improve on the services offered in Local History?

What could we improve to make the Local History in the new central library more welcoming?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design Local History?

How could we improve on The Gallery space in the new central library?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design The Gallery?

SECTION 6: ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

What would you change about the layout (placement of the collection, furniture and equipment) of accessibility services at Frances Morrison Central Library?

Is there special equipment or technology you would like us to consider including in accessibility services in the new central library?

What could we improve to make the accessibility services in the new central library more welcoming?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design accessibility services?

SECTION 7: TEEN AREA

What would you change about the layout (placement of the collection, furniture and equipment) in the teen area at Frances Morrison Central Library?

Is there special equipment or technology you would like us to consider including in the teen area in the new central library?

What could we improve to make the teen area in the new central library more welcoming?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design the teen area?

SECTION 8: ADULT COLLECTION

Fiction, Non-Fiction, Reading Room

What would you change about the layout (placement of the collection, furniture and equipment) of the adult collections at Frances Morrison Central Library?

What would you change about the layout (placement of the collection, furniture and equipment) of the reading room on the main floor at Frances Morrison Central Library?

What could we improve to make the adult collections spaces in the new central library more welcoming?

What do you want us to remember about your needs when we design the adult collections spaces?

ABOUT YOUR GROUP

Host name _____

Host phone _____

Host email _____

Host postal code _____

Date of conversation _____

How many people participated? _____

Would you like to be contacted about future consultation opportunities?

Yes No

How were the participants connected to you? Check all that apply.

Family Friends Colleagues Community Members & Neighbours Other

THANK YOU

Thanks very much for taking the time to gather and share your thoughts on this important project for our city. Your feedback and ideas will help ensure the new central library meets the needs of all Saskatoon residents for generations to come.

How to return your complete Kitchen Table Conversation Workbook

1. Email

Send the completed worksheets to: hello@saskatoonlibrary.ca.

You can send photos or a PDF of your responses.

2. In-Person

Drop it off at any Saskatoon Public Library location.

You can place it in the book return or bring it to the service desk.

For more information or for assistance

saskatooncentrallibrary.ca

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