

Leave your mark on new Beamsville library

Buy a bookshelf campaign supports community complex

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BEAMSVILLE — Have you always dreamed of seeing your name alongside great authors like Alice Munro and John Grisham? Now is your chance.

The Our Town Our Time committee has launched a new fundraiser to help meet its \$4-million commitment to the new arena and library complex. The new campaign will let residents leave their mark on the new library.

For \$100, Lincoln residents can buy a library shelf. All of the proceeds support the construction of the new community centre, slated to open in June 2014. Donors will be recognized with their name on a plaque in the new library.

“It’s a legacy,” said Jill Nicholson of the opportunity for residents to leave their mark on the new facility. “It’s a really good way to be a part of the new facility.”

That new facility, said Nicholson, is much needed, and library staff are eagerly awaiting the opening of the new facility.

“We’re in a space that is way too small; part of it was built in 1851,” said Nicholson. “We need a new, modern library space that is accessible to all.”

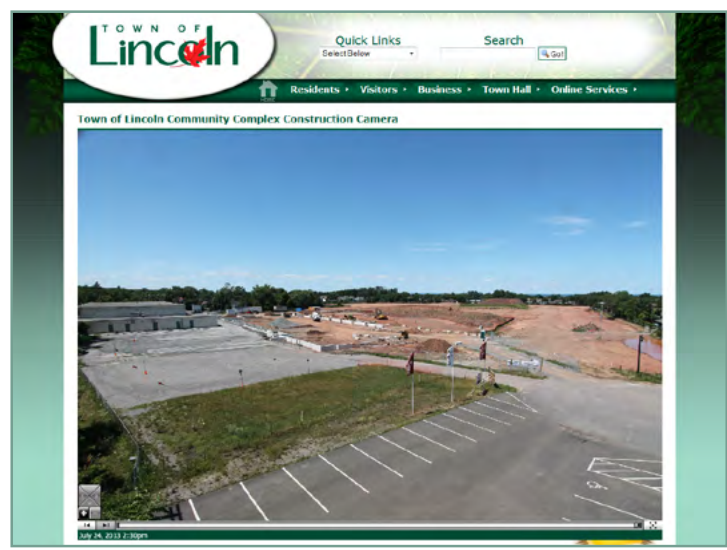
The committee is also selling seats in the new arena for the same price.

Once completed, the new library will be twice the size of the current facility on Beam Street. The complex will also house a 500-seat NHL-size rink, multi-use rooms and meeting space.

The campaign was officially launched during a weekend of activities in September. At the time, more than \$1 million had already been raised by major donations, including one for \$500,000 by Fleming Chicks founders Art and Val Fleming. The new library will again bear the Fleming name when its doors open in June.

Buy a bookshelf forms are available online at www.lincoln.ca or by visiting town hall or either branch of the Lincoln Public Library.

Residents can view the ongoing construction of the new facility via webcam at earthcam.net/projects/townoflincoln.



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Need a gift for the book lover on your Christmas list? Buy a bookshelf in the new Fleming Branch of the Lincoln Public Library to be built in the new community complex. Library CEO Jill Nicholson says it’s a great way to leave a legacy.