

# New Central Library and Archive Opening Summer 2017



Removal of the scaffolding to provide the first glimpse of the new central library and archive

## New Central Library Exhibition

From Tuesday 4 April, weekly pop-up exhibitions will be held at Halifax Central Library, focused on plans for the new Central Library and Archive giving visitors a sneak peek at how the building will look. The exhibition will feature images of progress at the library site as well as sample furniture for the new building. There will also be more information about the layout of the library and its exciting new features.

Library ambassadors will also be on hand at the pop-up exhibition to answer questions. The exhibition is open on from 10.30am – 12noon on:

- Tuesday 2, 16 May
- Friday 28 April and 12, 26 May

## Bloom returns to Square Church rose window

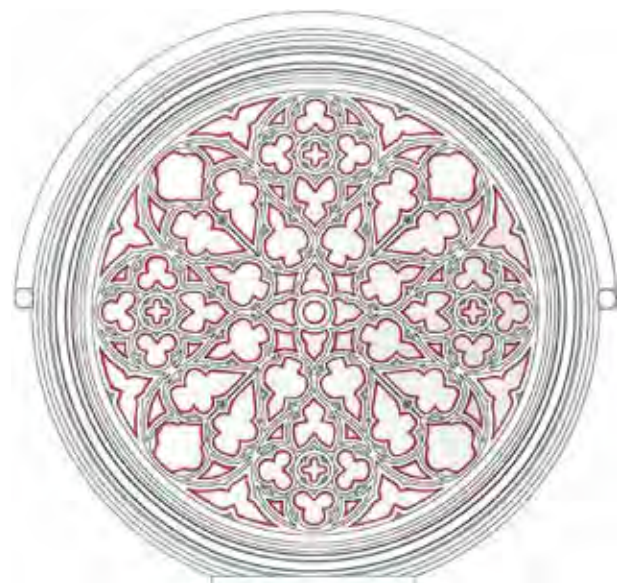
The Square Church rose window is being painstakingly repaired as part of the new Central Library and Archive building.

The window is a combination of Portland stone from Dorset and French Caen stone. When the restoration work began, the stone was in poor condition, having been extensively damaged by the weather. Some was corroded, pieces were missing and some of the pattern had become misaligned. The leading and glass also needed to be replaced.

Repair work is now well underway, and Brighouse based Touchstone Glazing Solutions Ltd is providing the glazing for the rose window and five other windows which remain from the original church building.

Find out more at:

<http://news.calderdale.gov.uk/bloom-returns-to-square-church-rose-window/>



# New Library Update

The whole building of course set in its own unique space, incorporating the spire and ruins of Square Church and abutting the historic Piece Hall .....

The new Library & Archive spaces – *infinite possibilities*

View the stunning vista across Beacon Hill from the huge windows. Look up to the soaring spire through the rooflights and take in the view of Square Chapel and Cornerstones, refracted through 85 panes of the Rose Window



## Infinite Possibilities

### Lower ground floor

A place for local studies research and exploration. Digital, printed and manuscript material combine to provide a unique experience for those looking back on Calderdale's history. The rich oak furniture and ceilings complement the resources to create a distinct feel unlike other areas of the new building.

### Ground floor

The Children's Library sports a vibrant range of furniture and décor: you can choose how to enter this world - a child-sized and a grown-ups entrance are each framed by oversized books to welcome young readers.

Resources both traditional and digital will expand horizons and support literacy and learning. Spill into the bright flexible space during storytime sessions and craft activities.

The Lab – a space that will be whatever it needs to be. With PCs, desking and screen – it will host job clubs, code clubs, business sessions, digital skills sessions, craft and jigsaw groups ... and much more.

### First floor

The Teens area - a distinct layout for a distinct clientele! The area boasts sinuous modern shelving and splashes of teal and orange to really bring it alive. PCs and set down for wifi provide flexibility for social and study use - and soft-seating for just chilling out.

The Media Store – is a hive of technology for discovery and creating:

- an array of tablets for quick internet access or learning more about apps
- a video wall for film screenings, digital artwork and 'living' author-event backdrop

- a pairing of iMac and 3D printer for power and flair to develop that special project
- our distinctive brand of DVD and music CD collections, to take you to places streaming just can't.....

### Second floor

Head to the quiet space with study carrels and designated seating for thinking and working - or settle in the IT Suite to fully take advantage of Windows 10 PCs and printing

The meeting room will welcome small groups, societies and workshops during library hours – with up-to-date, easy-to-use presentation equipment and a private kitchenette to make drinks.



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