

# New Central Library and Archive



## New Library Update

Located on the Square Church site next to the Piece Hall, the new library and archive will occupy land that has been unused for many years and will blend the remains of the church into an iconic external design and internal layout. The new library will feature a range of facilities including:



Old and new comes together

## Adult Fiction

The best in new, classic and feature reads from the worlds of crime, sci-fi, romance and horror can be found on the library's 1st floor - with great collections of quality literature, talking books, large print and graphic novels.

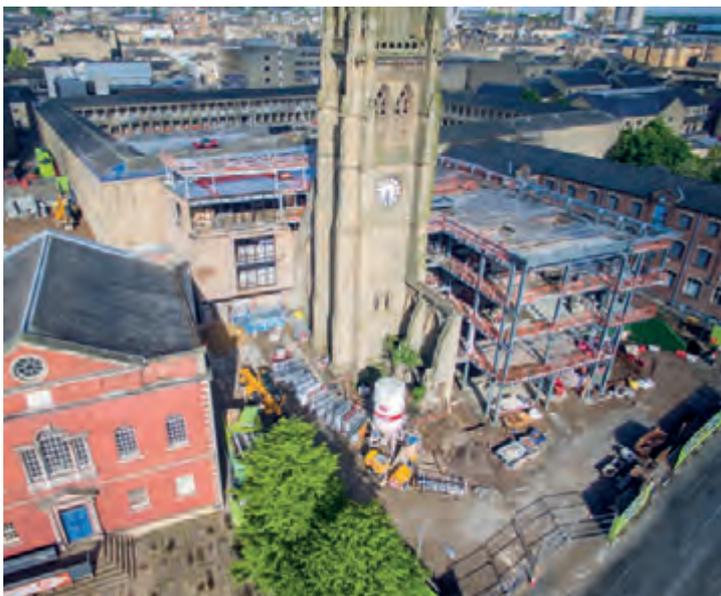
If time's precious, the ground floor Quick Choice Library offers a great range of quick reads and popular items to grab, self-issue (via our new, improved machines) and go!

## Adult Non-Fiction

Capturing a world of information, help and leisure, the non-fiction collection is located on the 2nd floor - and will also include a full range of interfiled reference titles, to use in the library.

One new feature will be the Fine Art collection, presenting a wealth of art, architecture, textiles and photography titles.

## Onsite Progress



You can keep an eye on progress with our drone shots of the site. To show how much the site is changing and developing, photographs and film of the progress are being taken at regular intervals. The photographs can be seen on our Twitter and Facebook feeds and the films will be uploaded onto our YouTube account.

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## IT Area



The new library will have a fast, easy wifi service throughout the building, which doesn't need any membership to access.

But there are times when a sit-down desktop PC is still best - especially for lengthy internet browsing, writing, studying or printing. PCs are dotted throughout all four floors, but the main bank of PCs are in the top-floor IT Area - where you'll also find a library staff-member to help you support what you're doing.

## Media Store

This exciting room on the 1st floor will bring lots of new features to the Central Library:-

- Choice collections of rentable DVDs and CDs, covering the best of new music, movies and TV dramas
- A bookable iMAC, available to help you create that unique mixtape or short film. You can also put together a special publication - whether it's something you've written yourself or a book of pictures and memories of a favourite person or place
- Sometimes, the Store will transform into a bijou pop-up 40-seater performance-area - hosting author talks, webinars and one-off film screenings
- A range of touch-screen devices to design, print, search... and more!

The Store has library staff on hand to help you create that special item and help you navigate the equipment

## 30,000 bricks in the wall



Full attention to detail is going into every part of the new Central Library and Archive in Halifax, West Yorkshire, as it continues to take shape.

About 30,000 locally handmade bricks will make up the walls of the new building. Every single brick has been drawn by hand in the plans, and sample walls have been built to make sure the bricks are exactly the right style, shape and colour to blend with the Grade I listed Piece Hall and the town's many historical buildings.

Calderdale Council and LDN Architects selected bricks by the York Handmade Brick Company to ensure an attractive, high-quality façade. The specialist local firm has been making bricks in York for over 70 years, from local Triassic mudstone clay that has been used in the area for centuries. Its bricks have been used in a range of prestigious locations, including The Shard in London and Chetham's School of Music in Manchester.

Find out more on the news site:  
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