BRANCH INFORMATION
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<th>HOURS OF SERVICE</th>
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<td>Sunday</td>
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SERVICE AREA BOUNDARIES

| North          | Cheapside St. from Thames River to Adelaide St. |
| East           | Adelaide St. between Cheapside and south Branch Thames River |
| South          | South boundary of Central London         |
| West           | Thames River from Oxford St. to Adelaide St. |

OVERVIEW OF NEIGHBOURHOOD DEMOGRAPHICS

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<td>Households</td>
<td>12,631</td>
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<td>Population</td>
<td>21,359</td>
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<td>Education/University Degree</td>
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<td>Labour Force Participation</td>
<td>67.6%</td>
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<td>Visible Minority Presence</td>
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<td>Immigrants</td>
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CENTRAL SERVICES

- The Central Library serves as the hub of London Public Library and its 15 branch locations.
- The Children’s Library is a destination for children, families, and school groups in the downtown, and includes the TD Art Studio where kids are encouraged to get creative and messy, as well as a program room for Storytime and other Early Literacy Programs. The open area features many interactive elements such as a wind tunnel, sand table and other elements that encourage the early learning of STEM skills.
- Library patrons like to browse newspapers and magazines in the Reading Lounge, which exits onto the Rotary Reading Garden. The garden is an oasis in the downtown, and has recently been host to events such as the CBC’s 1-year anniversary.
- The second floor of the Central Library features many public PCs, where individuals can access the internet to search for jobs, improve their skills, or connect with friends and family. The Fiction collection is housed on the second floor. London Public Library has a great depth and breadth of library collections, and the Fiction collection as Central is a great example of this diversity.
- London Public Library has recently launched The Labs, a creative / makerspace which includes an audio recording studio, a photo studio, and a 3D printer.
- The third floor of the Central Library hosts the Nonfiction collection, as well as the London Room. The London Room was established in 1967 to celebrate Canada’s Centennial year, and since that time has become a destination for local researchers, as it houses a wealth of information on the early history of London and area.
- London Public Library’s Administrative Offices and Board Room are located on the third floor of the Central Library.
- The Wolf Performance Hall is located in the Passageway and it serves as a community theatre where Londoners can see themselves onstage. It features lectures, entertainment events, concerts, and theatre productions.
- CBC is a tenant of London Public Library, and occupies a street-front portion of the building, where they broadcast the local news such as London Morning every day.
- London Public Library is fortunate to be supported by the Friends of London Public Library, who operate a used book store from a storefront in the Hudson’s Bay Passageway. All proceeds generated from the book store and other Friends initiatives support value-added services, such as the R.E.A.D. (Reading for Enjoyment and Development) program, in which children can receive one-on-one literacy support.
THE IVEY FAMILY LONDON ROOM

The Ivey Family London room is a research facility for genealogy and local history located at the Central Library. It contains a wealth of secondary source materials on the city of London and counties of Elgin, Middlesex, Norfolk, and Oxford as well as original materials on the city of London and Middlesex County, such as:

- Books
- Diaries & Manuscripts
- Minutes
- Maps
- Photographs and other memorabilia
- Selected municipal documents

CENTRAL LIBRARY AMENITIES

- Computers & Laptops
- iPads & MACs
- WiFi Hotspots
- Printer, scanner & photocopier
- Assistive tech computers
- Microfilm readers
- Meeting & study rooms
- Touch screen PressReader workstations
- 2 Music Practice rooms (1 with a digital piano, 1 with a digital keyboard)
- Computer training lab
- Memory Lab (personal document/film/photography/VHS digitizer station)
- Rotary Reading Garden
- Community art space
- Creativity Labs/makerspace

- Gay Guys' Book Club
- Digital Essentials classes, Technology Tutors (Computer Help)
- ESL classes/conversation groups
- Games clubs
- Community Justice Centre/Community Legal Services
- Noon Mediation
- London Gaymer meetup
- Community Volunteer Income Tax Clinics
- Grit Uplifted - creative writing group for street-involved/vulnerable/homeless/formerly homeless patrons
- Exam Proctoring

CENTRAL LIBRARY PARTNERSHIPS

- Childreach: Storytime outreach visits
- Covent Garden Market: Market Storytimes
- Heroes Comics: Comic Book Jam; Free Comic Book Day; Halloween ComicFest
- LUSO Community Services
- Middlesex London Health Unit: Prenatal Classes; Teen Prenatal Fair at Childreach (Smart Start For Babies event)
- EarlyON Child and Family Centre, Childreach
- Western University: programming
- Youth Opportunities Unlimited: Teen Resume Workshop; YOUth Movie Nights
- Canadian Mental Health Association Middlesex: Welcome Centre and other wellness programming
- St John Ambulance Therapy Dogs
- London Cross Cultural Learner Centre: SWIS workers during the summer months provide settlement services
- City of London: programming and information sessions
HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY

- May 6, 1895 The last meeting of the London Mechanics’ Institute takes place. Minutes of the institute from 1841 to 1861 and 1879 to 1895 are located in the London Room at the Central Library.
- Summer 1913 The Children’s Room opens in the west end of the ground floor of the Central Library, formerly used as a ladies’ reading room.
- 1934 Elsie Perrin Williams, the only child of Daniel S. Perrin of the Perrin Biscuit Company, dies, leaving a large bequest to the city, a portion of which was used to build the new Central Library.
- November 17, 1939 The cornerstone for the new central library at 305 Queens Avenue is laid by Mayor Allan J. Johnston.
- September 20, 1940 The Central Library at the southwest corner of Queens Avenue and Wellington Street, closes.
- October 4, 1940 The Elsie Perrin Williams Memorial Building housing the art gallery, central library and historical museum, is opened by the Hon. Duncan McArthur, Minister of Education at 305 Queens Avenue on the site of the former Princess Rink and Winter Gardens. It had room for 48,000 volumes, a second-floor art gallery, and an auditorium and children’s library in the basement.
- 1952 Three new galleries are added to the second floor of the Central Library.
- April 26, 1968 The new million-dollar addition to the Central Library was formally opened by Ontario Premier John P. Robarts, providing a new children’s wing, more book space and more gallery space and increasing overall floor space from 39,600 square feet to 97,480 square feet.
- 1981 Major renovations were made to the Central Library when the art gallery’s former space of 12,940 square feet was renovated and a new staircase provided easier access to the newly expanded second floor. The London Room moved to the second floor.
- July 1, 1987 The Children’s Library rejoins the Central Library after almost twelve years in Branch services.
- February 8, 2000 It is announced that the Central Library would be relocating to the former Hudson’s Bay Department Store at 251 Dundas Street - in effect returning to its roots with the former Mechanics Institute building still standing next door at 231 Dundas Street.
- February 5, 2001 The exterior facade, foyer and central hall of the former Central Library at 205 Queens Avenue is designated a heritage building by the City of London.
- June 5, 2003 A 20-week long project officially begins for the construction of the Rotary Reading Garden on a former parking lot just east of the new Central Library.
- May 2016 Construction begins as part of the Central Revitalization project, with Nicholson Sheffield Architects and Bronnenco Construction Ltd. secured.
- April 13, 2017 The Grand Staircase at Central Library opens and construction is almost complete, with services and resources maintained throughout the construction period.
- June 12, 2017 CBC London launches a local station in Central Library including new radio and digital services providing additional news and information to London and the surrounding area.