

REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 24, 2026

SUBJECT: Winter/Spring 2027 Sunday Hours
PURPOSE: For Approval
PREPARED BY: Executive Team
PRESENTED BY: Adrienne Co-Dyre – Director, Public Service

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Library Board approve the opening of the Library for Sunday Hours as follows:

- Date Range: Sunday, January 10, 2027 to May 2, 2027 (excluding February 14 (Family Day weekend) and March 28 (Easter Sunday))
- Hours: 1 pm – 5 pm
- Branches: Bostwick, Sherwood, Stoney Creek

BACKGROUND

We look forward to the opportunity to provide the London community with Sunday hours from January 10 to May 2, 2027.

In choosing the three branches, we took into consideration geographic coverage and the traffic at the facility in which they're housed:

- The Bostwick Branch, located in the newly named Startech.com YMCA, Community Centre and Library, has been one of busiest branches in the system since its opening in 2018 and is part of a busy multi-use facility with extensive weekend activities.
- The Sherwood Branch, located in the Sherwood Forest Mall, has been the second busiest branch in the system since re-opening after renovation, accounting for 12.1% of all system visits in the first half of 2026.
- The Stoney Creek Branch, located in the Stoney Creek Community Centre along with the YMCA, has seen steady use since the end of the Pandemic.

All three of those locations will be able to provide their community with meeting space and study rooms.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As per the Collective Agreement; “all authorized time worked for Sunday Service shall be at the overtime rate of time and one half (1½) times regular time. Employees shall receive, at the discretion of the employee, compensation or time-off for time worked.”

The staffing cost for providing 4 hours of service for 15 Sundays at the three branches is approximately \$70,000 (this cost estimate excludes additional facility operating costs, such as utilities, and security).

NEXT STEPS

Staff have been notified that Sunday Hours are available pending Board approval. We will assess the success of offering services at these three branches prior to seeking approval from the Board for the 2027/2028 Sunday Service schedule.