

**MIDDLESEX COUNTY LIBRARY***"Informing, enriching, and connecting Middlesex County"*

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Municipality of Strathroy-Caradoc  
c/o Andrew Meyer, *Community Development Manager*  
52 Frank Street  
Strathroy ON  
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Dear Andrew,

In November 2012, the Middlesex County Library Board assumed the space adjacent to the Mt. Brydges Library, previously occupied by Strathroy-Caradoc Police Services, at 22501 Adelaide Rd. Our intention was to work with the Municipality to transform this space to better suit the library's needs. A portion of this space would be utilized as storage and as a staff room, while the rest would become public space for library collections, services and programs.

I'm am writing on behalf of Middlesex County Library Board to request that funds be included in your 2014 budget to support this expansion. Last year, Mt. Brydges Library hosted 56 programs with 3,902 participants in attendance, 658 of which were children. When comparing other branches in the library system, Mt. Brydges is one of our most extensively used branches. Along with the recently consolidated branch hours, we feel that this additional space will help us attract new users, and further solidify our position as community hub and gathering space. Our current space limitations prevent the Library Board from pursuing enhancements to collections and programming. An expansion would allow for the addition of new materials, and for the provision of a higher level of programming and services for the Mt. Brydges community.

I will be requesting that funds be secured in our Branch Development budget in 2014 to provide comfortable furnishings, a fireplace, and shelving for this space. It is my estimation that our contribution to this space will match your estimation of \$5,000.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Gonyou  
County Librarian, CEO