

Northern Ireland Regional Library



Staff from Libraries NI will brief the members of the CAL Committee on the plans for the Belfast Central library site. Libraries NI is currently updating a Business Case for submission to the Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure in September 2013.

This project will be key in providing a state of the art 21st Century library with all the facilities that public expect from a major City Library. It will play a significant role in the regeneration of the area and complement the MAC, the University of Ulster development and the Library Square community scheme.

Wi-Fi, high speed connectivity and self services infrastructure will support access to a superb range of resources, many of which are of regional importance. It will be a community, city and regional facility which is accessible to all. The library will include a Regional Mediatheque centre which will provide access to social history films, home movies and a local archive collection. It is envisaged that the current footfall of over 400,000 per annum will be greatly enhanced, in line with new ventures such as the MAC and the Titanic Signature Building, and provide another tourist destination for those researching their family roots.

The Committee members will get an opportunity to tour the library building and see some of the unique collections it holds.