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On time, on budget!

Stone, wood, light and colour - the new Bradford West Gwillimbury Public Library and Community Centre, completed on time and on budget.

➤ The new
42,000 sq. ft.
Bradford West
Gwillimbury Public
Library at 425 Hol-
land St. West opened
its doors on May 24.

The magnificent 2-storey structure features a distinctive central atrium, study carrels, computer room, reading areas, children's room, natural stone walls, and natural light pouring in through the windows.

Library CEO Liz Fenwick acknowledged that the transition from the 11,000 sq. ft. library on Holland Court to the new facility

had posed a number of challenges, not least of which was transferring library resources from the old library. But, she said, "It's exciting! We've worked hard and sorted it all out," and since the glass doors opened in the morning, "it's been a steady stream of people."

There were a few glitches. A software problem plagued the

computers on opening day, and humidity resulted in some of the wood-veneer panelling buckling.

Andy Gordon, of MHPM project managers, assured staff and Councillors that the problem was already being dealt with, and would be fixed by the official Opening Ceremonies, on Friday, June 3.

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