

PLEASE NOTE: TIME OF TOUR HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 1 P.M.



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Media are invited for a sneak peek at the U of L's new science building

After years of planning and construction, University of Lethbridge crews are putting finishing touches on the new science building and preparing to open the doors to the public. In advance of the Big Bang Grand Opening Weekend, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Sept. 13 and 14, we are inviting local media to have a sneak peek at this \$280-million facility that puts science on display and will inspire the next generation of researchers, entrepreneurs and leaders.

What: Sneak peek media tour

When: Thursday, August 15, 1 p.m.

Where: Main Entry, Level 8

*Media can park in the lot on the north side of the building

Who: **Dr. Matt Letts**, Faculty of Arts & Science interim dean, will provide an overview of the building, its design and purpose, and the scientific disciplines it houses.

Gene Lublinkhof, director of Science Facilities, can answer questions about the complexity of moving 50 years of science into the new building.

Ed de Bruin, project manager with the Destination Project, can answer questions about some of the green features of the building, such as its natural ventilation, exposure to natural light and integrated shading.

Dr. Laura Keffer-Wilkes, Synbridge manager and chemistry and biochemistry instructor, can discuss the opportunities for scientific collaboration and community outreach that come with the new building.

The tour will then move to Level 6 and the NMR facility, where nuclear magnetic resonance (NMR) instruments are on display.

We'll also provide a few details on the upcoming Big Bang grand opening celebrations.

Following this, the speakers will be available for one-on-one interviews or to show additional features of the building.

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