

# ARTS COUNCIL

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## PUBLIC LIBRARY TO HOUSE ARTS VIDEO CENTRE

Thursday 18th June marks the official opening of the first Arts Video Centre in a public library. Arts Council Secretary-General Luke Rittner will preside over the Centre's opening ceremony at its home in Southend Central Library.

The Arts Video Centre is the most comprehensive collection of films on the arts held within any public library. It currently includes 140 Arts Council Films, a number which will increase as new films are produced. Eastern Arts will encourage the Video Centre to further develop its identity by including locally produced videos which will cover programming ranging from community tapes to video art.

The Arts Council and Essex County Council are sharing the cost of equipping and building the Centre, which has great potential to increase access to the arts through video.

There will be two viewing points, and a charge of 25 pence per half hour viewing will be made.