



Aylmer Mayor Bob Habkirk, left, Cathy Bishop front, Elgin county librarian, project designer Michael Manchester, of Community Access, and Aylmer library manager Christina Mayhew check out the new computer kiosk at the Aylmer branch. (T-J photo by Doug Avram)

## New kiosk aids book search

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AYLMER — Mayor Bob Habkirk was on hand to help celebrate the addition of a new information kiosk at the Aylmer Branch of the Elgin County Library.

The computer-operated information site offers patrons a chance to find out more about recent releases that may not be on the shelves when they come to the library.

New releases are extremely popular and they tend to be out, said Aylmer library manager Christina Mayhew. When they do come back into the library they are soon taken out by people on a waiting list. People often don't know about the new titles because they don't see them on the shelves.

The new kiosk computer features the cover of the book on a touch screen so it is very user friendly.

Once the book jacket on the screen is touched, a synopsis of the book and some information about the author can be found.

As a way of demonstrating the new system, a fictional book was added for the opening ceremony, a biography on Bob Habkirk.

"This is amazing but why is my 'book' next to 'Stupid White Men?'" Habkirk wondered with a laugh.