

OLA Library Building Awards

The OLA Library Building Award consists of two categories: The Library Architectural and Design Transformation Award, and the New Library Building Award.

The program is open to all types of libraries (or combination thereof):

- Academic libraries (community college, college, university)
- School libraries (elementary, secondary)
- Public libraries (municipal, branch, county, regional, system)
- Institutional and private firm libraries (must permit public access)

Library Architectural and Design Transformation Award

Awards may be given for additions, renovations, restorations, conversion to library use, and interior redesign and refurnishing. The competition runs every third year to allow a critical number of projects in all types of libraries to accumulate.

New Library Building Award

Awards are given for new builds. The competition runs every third year to allow a critical number of projects in all types of libraries to accumulate.

Past Recipients

2018 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Awards

Conestoga College Library MMMC Architects

Ryerson University Library Gow Hastings Architects

Innisfil ideaLAB & Library, Lakeshore Branch Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd.

Honourable Mention: Wellington County Library, Palmerston Branch Grinham Architects

2016 New Library Building Awards

Centennial College, Ashtonbee Campus Renewal and Library MacLennan Jaunkains Miller Architects (MJMA)



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Fort York Branch Library - Toronto Public Library KPMB Architects

Haliburton County Public Library HavenCraft Designs

Ryerson University Student Learning Centre Zeidler Partnership Architects in Association with Snohetta

Scarborough Civic Centre Branch - Toronto Public Library LGA Architectural Partners in joint venture with Phillip H. Carter

2015 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Awards

Ottawa Public Library - Beaverbrook Branch Moriyama & Teshima Architects

Kitchener Public Library, Central Branch LGA Architectural Partners

Carleton University, MacOdrum Library
Diamond Schmitt Architects, Edward J Cuhaci and Associates Architects Inc.

Toronto Public Library, Mount Dennis Branch G. Bruce Stratton Architects

2013 New Library Building Awards

Centennial College – Library and Academic Facility Diamond Schmitt Architects

Kingston Frontenac Public Library – Sydenham Branch Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd.

Nipissing University and Canadore College – Harris Learning Library Diamond Schmitt Architects & Evans Bertrand Hill Wheeler Architecture Inc.

Orillia Public Library Perkins+Will Canada Inc.

Waterloo Public Library – John M. Harper Branch Teeple Architects Inc.

Wellington County Library – Puslinch Branch L. Alan Grinham Architect Inc



Whitby Public Library – Brooklin Branch Perkins+Will Canada Inc.

2012 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Awards

Alnwick/Haldimand Public Libraries - Centreton Library
Phillip H. Carter Architecture and Foord & Taylor Limited, Architects in Joint
Venture

Cambridge Libraries & Galleries Queen's Square Library Levitt Goodman Architects Ltd.

Hamilton Public Library - Central Library RDH Routhwaite Dick and Hadley Architects Inc. & David Premi Architects Inc.

Midland Public Library Roth Knibb Architects Inc.

Mississauga Public Library - Burnhamthorpe Library ZAS Architects + Interiors Inc.

Scugog Memorial Public Library Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd.

Toronto Public Library - Cedarbrae Library Makrimichalos Cugini Architects

2010 New Library Building Awards

TanenbaumCHAT Kimel Family Educational Centre CS&P Architects Inc. and Petroff Partnership Architect, in joint venture

McMaster University, Health Sciences University McCallum Sather Architects Inc.

University of Toronto, Gerstein Reading Room Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc.

University of Toronto at Mississauga, Hazel McCallion Academic Learning Centre

Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners Architects

Toronto Public Library – Dufferin & St. Clair Branch Makrimichalos Cugini Architects



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Toronto Public Library – Jane & Sheppard Branch Cannon Design

Kingston Frontenac Public Library – Calvin Park Branch Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd.

Toronto Public Library – Bloor & Gladstone Branch Rounthwaite Dick & Hadley Architects, Inc. and Shoalts and Zaback Architects Ltd., in joint venture

Toronto Public Library – S. Walter Stewart Branch Philip H. Carter, Architect & Ellen Vera, Architect - In joint venture

Cambridge Public Library – Hespler Library Kongats Architects

2007 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Awards

Whitby Public Library
Shore Tilbe Irwin and Partners

Parkdale Collegiate Institute Library Giannone Associates Architects

Pierre Berton Resource Library Vaughan Diamond and Schmitt Architects Inc.

St. James Town Library, Toronto ZAS Architects Inc. in joint venture with MJM Architects

2004 New Library Building Awards

Morrison Pavilion, University of Toronto

Ajax Public Library

E.J. Pratt Library, Victoria University

Preston Library, Cambridge Libraries and Galleries

Smith's Falls Public Library



2001 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Awards

Pittsburgh Community Branch Library, Kingston-Frontenac County Library Board Librarian: Deborah Defoe Shoalts and Zaback, Architects

1999 New Library Building Awards

Cornwall Public Library, Librarian: Robert Hubsher.

A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company Shoalts and Zaback

1997 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Awards

Leonard E. Shore Memorial Library
Thornbury Public Library Board
Librarian: Ken Haigh
Shore Tilbe Irwin & Partners, Architects/Engineers

1996 New Library Building Awards

Brantford Public Library Librarian: Wendy Newman Moffat Kinoshita Architects Inc.

Mills Memorial Library Addition, McMaster University Librarian: Graham Hill Moffat Kinoshita Architects Inc.

Highland Creek Branch, Scarborough Public Library Board Librarian: Ann Eddie Quadrangle Architects Limited