

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

2021 Library Architectural and Design Transformation Award

Clearview Public Library, Stayner Branch
Lebel & Bouliane

University of Toronto, University College
Kohn Shnier + ERA Architects

Windsor Public Library, John Muir Branch
G+G architecture

2019 New Library Building Awards

Brampton Library, Springdale Branch
RDHA

Hamilton Public Library, Binbrook Branch
Invizij Architects

Toronto Public Library, Albion Branch



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Perkins+Will Canada

Vaughan Public Libraries, Civic Centre Resource Library
ZAS Architects + Interiors

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 Jaunkalns Miller Architects (MJMA)

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



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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
Teeples 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.



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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 change this to OLA Library Building Awards (note: after 2010, the OLA Board of Directors divided the award into two categories: New Library Building Awards and Library Architectural and Design Transformation 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

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



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Cambridge Public Library – Hespler Library
Kongats Architects

2007 OLA Library Building 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 OLA 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 OLA Library Building Awards

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

1999 OLA Library Building Awards

Cornwall Public Library, Librarian: Robert Hubsher.
A.J. Diamond, Donald Schmitt and Company Shoalts and Zaback

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

1996 OLA 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