

Ottawa Public Library, Beaverbrook Branch



LOCATION

Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

CLIENT

Ottawa Public Library

SIZE

23,500 SF

PROJECT TEAM

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SELECTED AWARDS

Ontario Library Association (OLA) Library
Building Award for Library Architectural and
Design Transformation

This major expansion and renovation doubled the size of the West District Library, the second-highest circulating branch in the Ottawa Public Library system, and created welcoming, engaging, light filled and technology-enabled public spaces. The two-storey addition established a far more substantial visual presence for the library, welcoming patrons with a transparent facade of floor-to-ceiling glass and an entrance terrace with seating areas and naturalized gardens. Inside, the prime public areas are arranged along the front window wall, including a dramatic double-height reading area and a feature staircase leading to the second floor. Spaces for children and youth are visually and acoustically separated, and are outfitted with comfortable lounge furniture and study areas for individuals and groups. Story time space overlooks a magical treed outcrop and a future children's garden. The conference room is fitted with an AV system and can be partitioned for evening events.