



Mount Dennis Branch

Monday, April 28, 2014

Toronto Public Library Board Meeting



Mount Dennis History

Early Days

Swimming hole on Black Creek,
Mount Dennis, about 1910



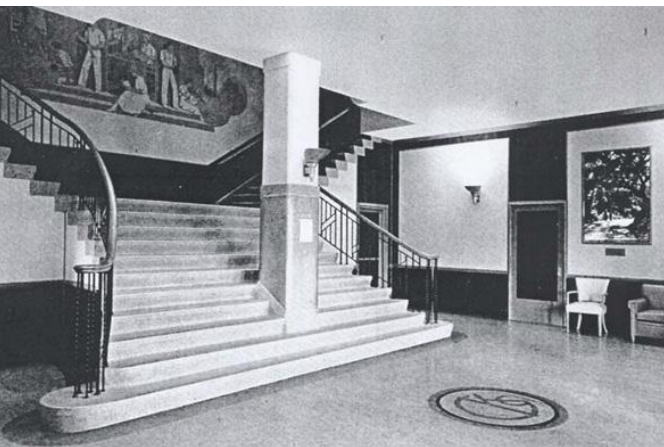
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York Township School Section,
No. 28 built in 1893

Dennis Avenue, north side
between Weston Road and
Guestville Avenue



Lobby of Building 9 in 1942



Building 9 at Kodak Heights as it is today.



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Kodak Heights

Kodak Heights campus, approximately 1930. Building 9, highlighted in green, is the last remaining large structure on the site.



Kodak plant Mt Dennis 1930?
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Mount Dennis Branch History

Early Years

Mount Dennis Library, 1951



Storytime at Mount Dennis Library,
1958



Mount Dennis Neighbourhood

Weston Road Storefronts



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AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN CONTEXT

MOUNT DENNIS LIBRARY RENOVATION

1123 Weston Road

Project Team

G. Bruce Stratton Architects
Architect

Halsall Associates Ltd.
Structural Engineering

MCW Consultants Ltd.
Mechanical & Electrical Engineering

Steelcore Construction Ltd.
Contractor

Owner/Client

Toronto Public Library

Jury Comment

The Mount Dennis Library is a very thoughtful renovation of a modest yet important neighbourhood library. It represents a remarkable example of a project displaying a "complete" civic response by contributing creatively to the streetscape, providing a highly transparent facade, and paying attention to details. The building contributes and responds elegantly to the main street condition. It is a simple yet elegant transformation of a much-needed public building in this area, and helps set the stage for change in the future. The library's renewed image redefines its place as an important community landmark for the area.

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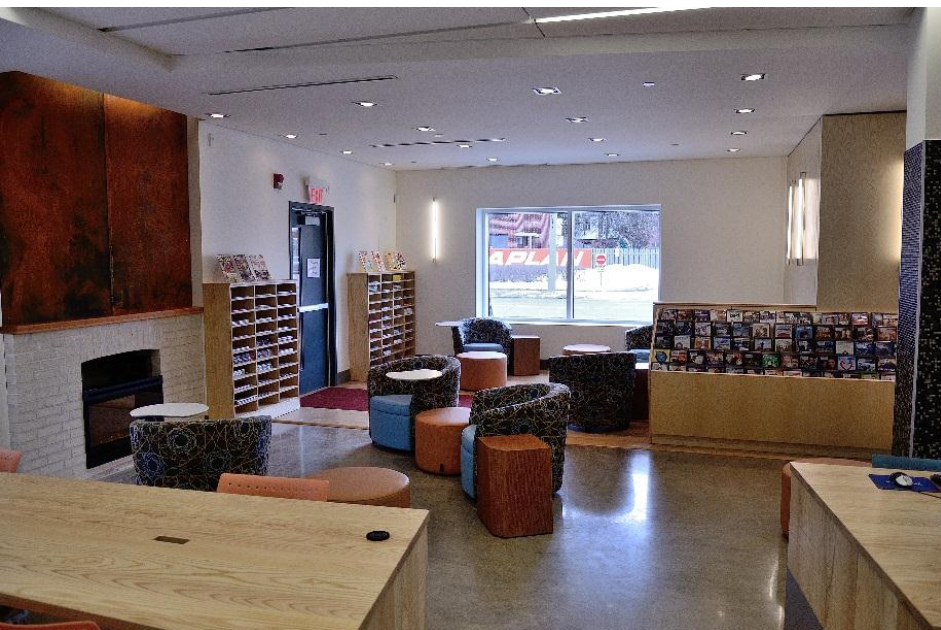
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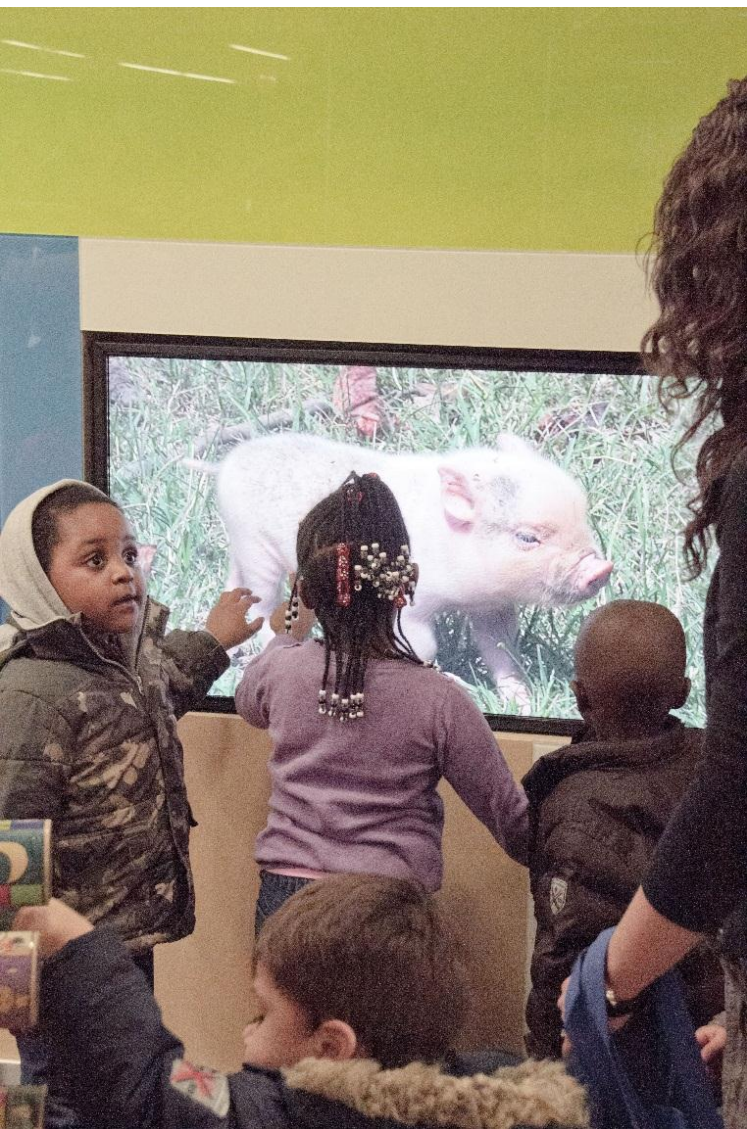
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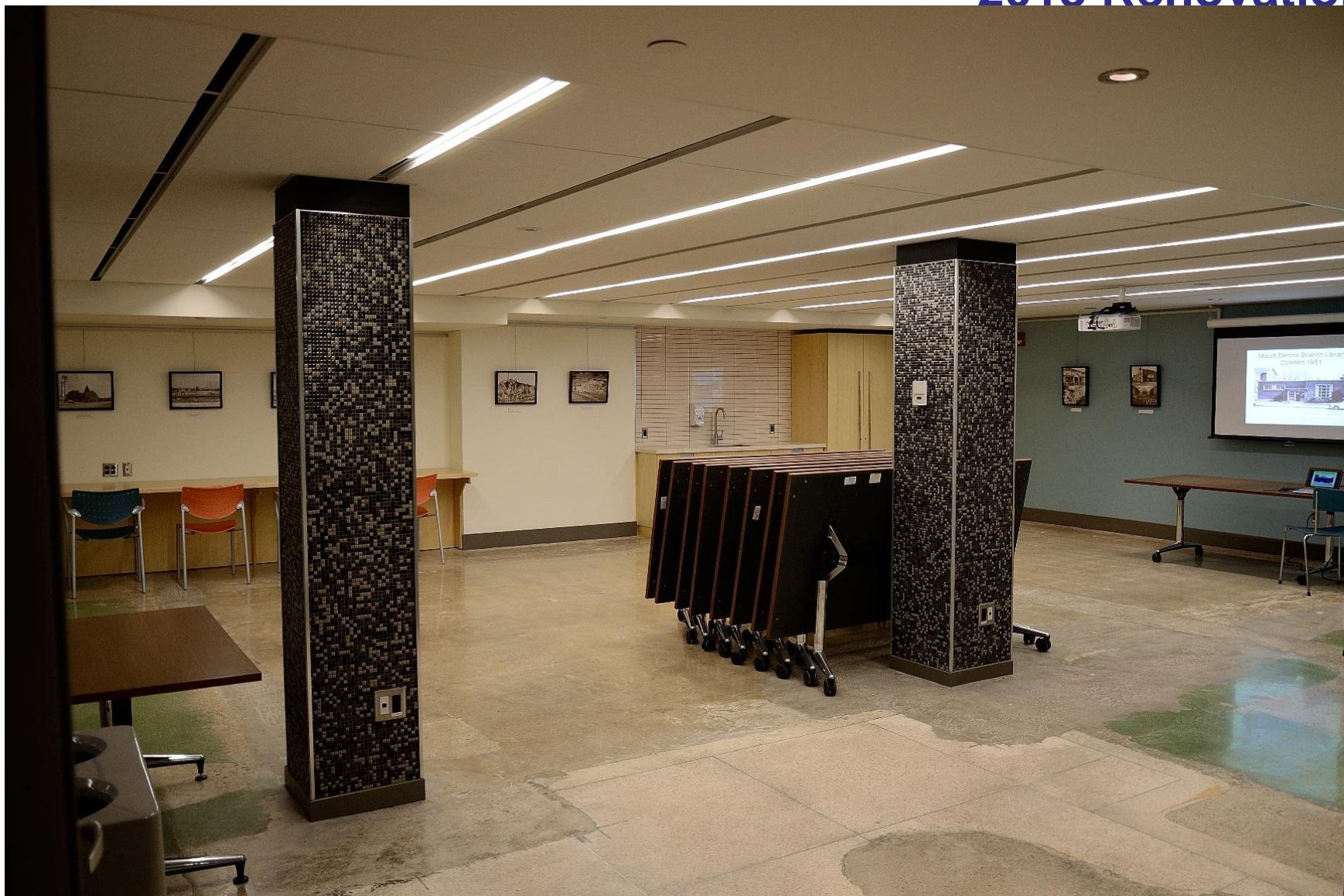
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2013 Opening Day



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2013 Opening Day Comments

- “It was just a little house when I was little, now is gorgeous and beautiful!”
- “It looked like a barn before, it looks beautiful with new technology”
- “Since the re opening, I am here very often.”
- “So lovely, modern! Worth the wait.”



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One Year Anniversary Comments

- “You play a big part in this community”
- “It’s a fun library and it has lot of activities”
- “This library is the best and staff are great”
- “Mount Dennis is pretty cool”
- “This is a good library because I get to play downstairs”



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On We Go



- Stephane Groleau
- G. Bruce Stratton Architects
- York Museum
- City of Toronto Archives
- Google Street View
- Toronto Public Library