



Woodside Square Library Expansion / Relocation

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July 27, 2026
6:00 -7:30 pm



Land Acknowledgement

Woodside Square Library is on Indigenous land. This is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (ho-den-oh-sho-nee) Confederacy (aka. the Six Nations Confederacy), the Wendat, and the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

Toronto Public Library gratefully acknowledges these Indigenous nations for their guardianship of this land. We'd also like to remind and reaffirm, as Torontonians and Canadians, our accountability to these Indigenous nations, and to all Indigenous peoples and communities living in Toronto.

This land is also part of the Dish with One Spoon territory, a treaty between the Haudenosaunee Confederacy (aka. The Six Nations Confederacy), the Anishinaabek (Ah-nish-nah-bek) and allied nations, to peaceably share and care for this land, its waters, and all of the biodiversity in the Great Lakes region. All those who come to live and work here are responsible for honouring this treaty in the spirit of peace, friendship, and respect.

agenda

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Councillor remarks
3. Project overview
4. Review of design
5. Project schedule and next steps
6. Q & A
7. We want to hear from you
8. Wrap-up

councillor remarks



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91.5%
customer
satisfaction
with the
library

93%
of Torontonians
agree that public
libraries are an
important resource
for the community



**biggest &
busiest** in
North America



81% of
Torontonians
used the
library in 2024



visits
45 M



**materials
borrowed**
28.1 M



How Toronto's Library will
help our city and its residents
adapt, connect and thrive.



Toronto Public Library
strategic plan 2025-2029

[tpl.ca](https://www.tpl.ca)

our 2025-2029 priorities

1 social connection, civic engagement and democracy

We will embed opportunities for **social connection, civic dialogue** and **critical thinking** in everything we do...
...so that residents have the skills to **sustain a healthy democracy**.

2 shared community spaces

We will accelerate the **enhancements of our physical spaces...**
...to establish more **welcoming, safe, inclusive and sustainable** multi-use environments that **build resilience and belonging** in every neighbourhood.

3 learning and growth

We will expand **learning opportunities for all ages** to develop multiple literacies and **personal and professional skills...**
... so that residents can thrive, build economic resilience, and **adapt to new technologies**, such as AI.

4 awareness and availability

We will **increase awareness and availability** of library services...
...so that residents in every neighbourhood have **equitable access** to services that meet their **changing needs**.



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service delivery model



- Establishes our service levels
- Describes how we plan and deliver library services and infrastructure
- Goal: Relocate Woodside Square branch with expanded services and amenities

project background



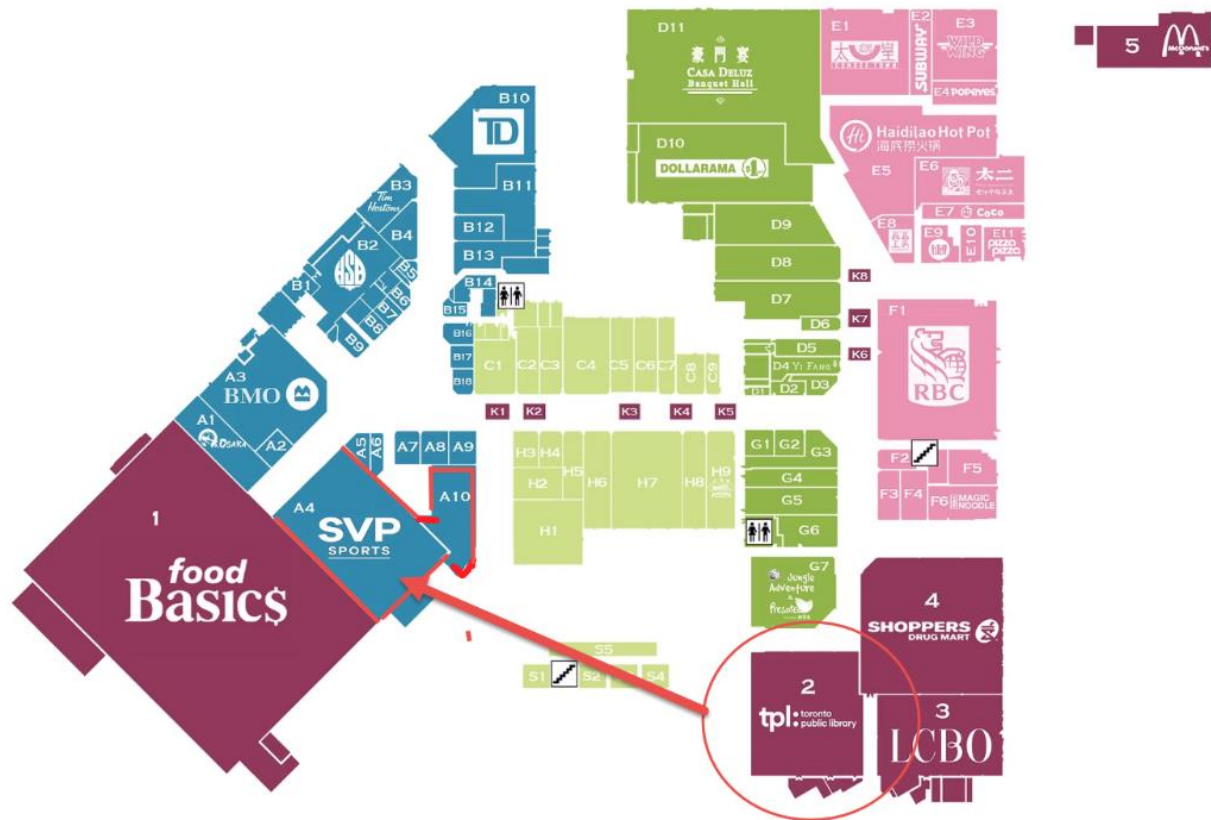
Current Woodside Square Branch Entrance

current state



Woodside Square Interior

new location



new library features and services



North York Central Library Virtual
Interview Room



Maryvale Reading Lounge

new library features and services



Ethennonhawahstihnen' Children's Area



York Woods Youth Hub

Ken Fukushima Architecture (KFA)



KFA relevant TPL project: Eglinton Square



Eglinton Square "Urban Living Room"



Eglinton Square Teen Area

KFA relevant TPL project: Eglinton Square



Eglinton Square Program Room



Eglinton Square Children's Area

KFA recent TPL project: Bridlewood



Bridlewood Service Desk, Laptop Counters



Bridlewood "Great Hall" and inspiration

KFA recent TPL project: Bridlewood



Bridlewood Computer Learning Centre



Bridlewood Virtual Interview Room

KFA recent TPL project: Bridlewood



Bridlewood Youth Hub



Bridlewood Teen Area

KFA recent TPL project: Bridlewood



Bridlewood Study Lounge Beyond



Bridlewood Program Room, Study Lounge from Children's Area

KFA recent TPL project: Bridlewood



Bridlewood Study Lounge, Program Room

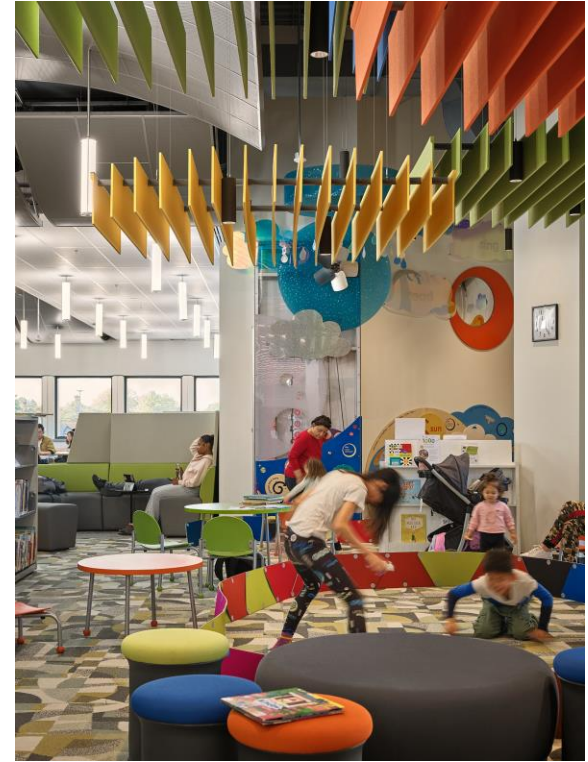


Bridlewood Study Lounge, Program Room (open), Meeting Room beyond

KFA recent TPL project: Bridlewood



Bridlewood Children's Area

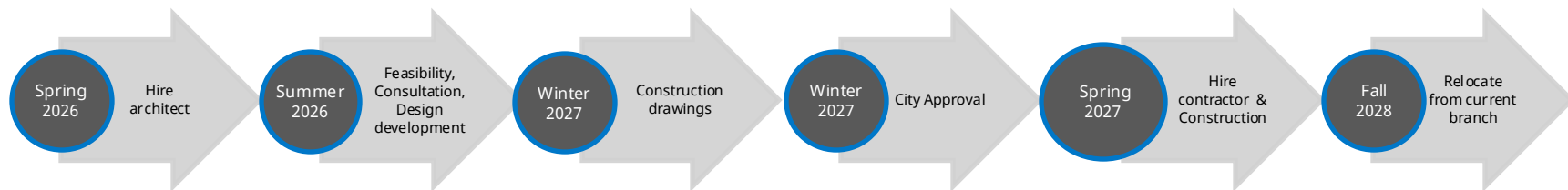


Bridlewood Children's Area KidsStop

The design will deliver :

Desired	Existing	New Branch
Larger branch	9,944 sq ft branch	13,452 sq ft branch
Increased public space	7,000 sq ft	10,500 sq ft (30% increase in public space)
Quiet study rooms	None	1 quiet study room 1 Virtual Interview Room
Improved program space	1 program room	2 program rooms
Brighter lights and calming colours	Branch not fully renovated since opening	LED lighting, new fixtures, finishes and furniture
Spacious lounge	Small area	New magazine lounge with comfortable seating
Kids Spaces and programs	Small area	Dedicated children's area and an interactive early literacy centre (KidsStop)

next steps



questions



tpl:

we want to hear from you

- Your ideas help shape library spaces and services for you and your community
- There will be many ways to share your thoughts over the coming months
- We will share what we are planning and how your input is used

ways to share your feedback



share your feedback online

The new library at Woodside
Square mall will be a place
where...

tpl.ca/woodsidesquare

