



ONTARIO  
BEACHES BRANCH PUBLIC LIBRARY

**LOCATION**

Toronto

**COMPLETED**

2005

**ARCHITECT**

Kinsland+ and  
Philip H. Carter Architect

**AREA**

2,000 square feet (addition)

**DESCRIPTION**

Completed for the Toronto Public Library, this project was a complete restoration of the original 1915 Arts and Crafts style building, and a complementary 2,000-square foot two-storey addition. Structural systems include new lumber infill with steel girders to create large open spans that mimic the structure of the original building; interventions to accommodate revised circulation; cast-in-place concrete foundations with underpinning beneath the existing structure to accommodate the basement walkout that forms the new entrance.

**AWARDS**

City of Toronto Environmental Award of Excellence, 2006

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