



## NORTH YORK CENTRL LIBRARY RENOVATION – PHASE ONE



QUICK FACTS	
Location:	5120 Yonge Street
Size:	168,022 sq ft (15,610 sq m)
Architectural Firm:	Diamond Schmitt Architects
Principal:	Gary McKuskie, Principal; Matthew Tsui, Associate
General Contractor:	Struct-Con
Total Budget:	\$14.971 Million
Open Hours:	Monday – Friday 9:00 am – 8:30 pm Saturday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sunday 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Collection Size:	More than 550,000 items
Technology:	Digital Innovation Hub; Fabrication Studio; eLearning Lab
Program/ meetings spaces:	1 Program room – 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Teen Zone 1 Auditorium – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Mezzanine 2 Program rooms – Second Floor Mezzanine 1 Boardroom – 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Mezzanine 1 breakout space – 4 <sup>th</sup> Floor Mezzanine

## **Phase 1 Project Goals**

The renovation and revitalization of the facility was required to support delivery of 21<sup>st</sup> century library services and meet the changing needs and expectations of library users.

Phase one encompassed interior renovations of floors 1 – 5 and included a major reconfiguration of space and repurposing of some support areas to achieve a variety of individual and collaborative work/study spaces, and program re-zoning needs.

Spaces were redefined to position the library as a leader in providing new library services and allowing the flexibility to respond to quickly changing service demands. Future flexibility will be ensured by incorporating adaptable and easily convertible spaces that support progressive library service. Additional space which was previously not accessible by the public was renovated and turned over for public use in the form of group study/collaboration/meeting space, along with additional seating.

## **Key Features**

Improved wayfinding and access by introducing a grand staircase with reading terraces to invite customers to discover the upper floors of the Library

Refurbished staircases to incorporate reading terraces at the atrium on floors 2, 3, 4



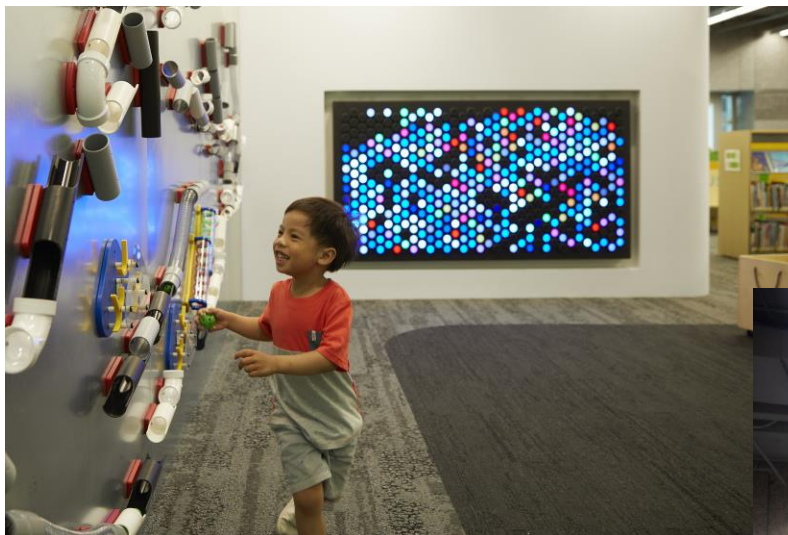
Grand Staircase 1<sup>st</sup> floor, credit DSAI

An updated children's department where children have the opportunity to explore the joy of reading and learning through self-discovery and play

A transportation themed KidsStop early literacy centre for children (ages birth to 5) and an interactive middle childhood discovery area (ages 6 – 12)



KidsStop Mural, credit DSAI



Middle childhood discovery area, credit DSAI

Middle Childhood Discover Area is a distinct, permanent installation within a children's department with components designed to include both technological and creative challenges. The Discovery Zone encompasses areas for self-directed learning as well as a facilitated space for exciting curiosity and sparking interest in new learning



KidsStop bus stop, credit TPL



Fabrication Studio 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, credit DSAI

Introduced a digital innovation hub and creation space that offers access to digital media technologies including 3D printing, sound and video recording studios and fabrication suite

Expanded music rehearsal spaces



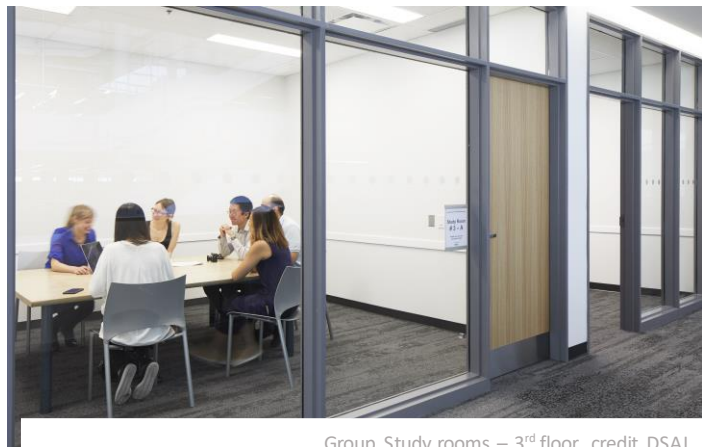
Video Suite 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, credit DSAI

Refreshed individual study rooms on floors 3 and 4

New laptop bars around the atrium on levels 2, 3 and 4

New bookable group study rooms on floors 3 and 4

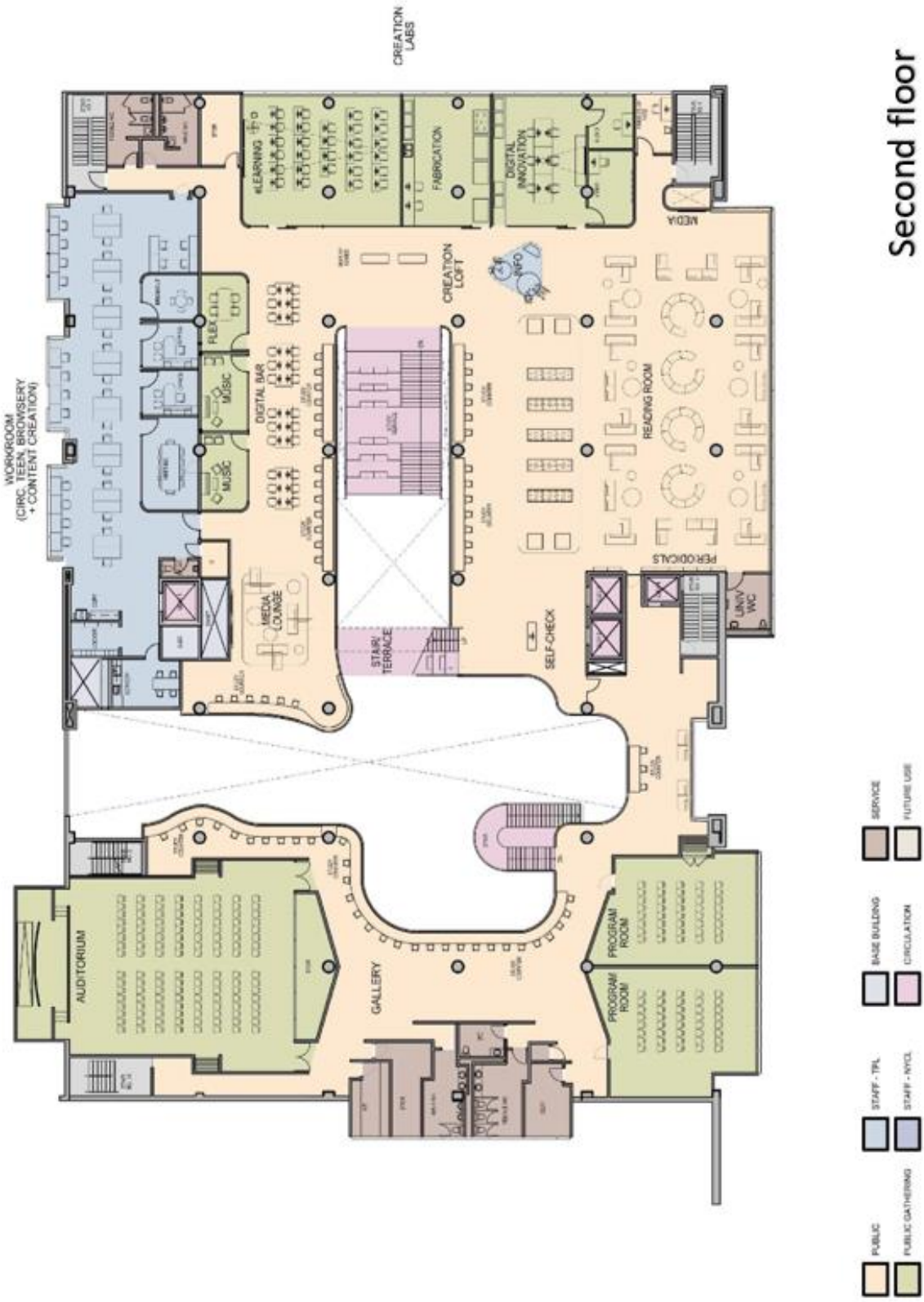
Refreshed flexible program, meeting room, and quiet study spaces, along with light filled reading lounges



Group Study rooms – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, credit DSAI



First floor



Second floor



# Third floor



- PUBLIC
- PUBLIC DANCING
- STAFF - TRK
- STAFF - NYCL
- BASE BUILDING
- CIRCULATION
- SERVICE
- FUTURE USE

# Fourth floor