

# SUBMISSIONS | PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN CONTEXT

## Project Title

Dufferin/St.Clair Library  
Additions and Renovations

## Address

1625 Dufferin St.  
Toronto, ON M6H 3L9

## Project Team

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## Owner/Client

Toronto Public Library



Dufferin Street View 2009

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Dufferin/St.Clair Library is an 11,000 sqft, heritage listed building, built in 1921. The library boasts interior wall murals painted by famous Canadian artists, Reid and McCarthy. In 1964, the murals were painted over and in 1971, the library expanded with a stucco and concrete addition.

Through redesign, Dufferin/St.Clair is reinvented into a vital and visible presence in the community. Glass walls replace opaque stucco walls and offer views of the restored wall murals to passers by on the street. The original brick building is repaired and the Dufferin street entrance is restored with the removal of the exterior concrete ramp. An accessible side entry welcomes visitors into the library via the adjacent parkette. The new addition includes a community room with generous views of the landscaped reading court. The result is a public friendly building that promotes a visual connection between the street, the redesigned parkette and the revitalized interior spaces.

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