

# SUBMISSIONS | PUBLIC BUILDINGS IN CONTEXT

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Toronto Public Library  
Pape / Danforth Branch

## Address

701 Pape Ave

## Project Team


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A complete renovation of the unusual Tudor style Pape/Danforth branch of the Toronto Public Library was initiated primarily to facilitate barrier free access, as well as to develop a prominence on to the Pape Avenue streetscape, increase circulation, and create open but defined spaces for the lenders and staff within the existing building envelope. The renovation was completed in August 2006.

The library's objectives were to clean up and unify the many layers of partial renovations done over the building's history while maintaining its historic neighbourhood character within the current envelope, to augment the street presence of the branch, to improve the library's accessibility, to replace surface materials with durable maintenance free materials and to allow for natural lighting in as many spaces as possible.

Moving the entrance to the north end of the Pape Avenue façade allowed for a sloped floor, giving access to all users. Replacing the small lift with a full sized elevator also facilitates equal access, to the second floor areas



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