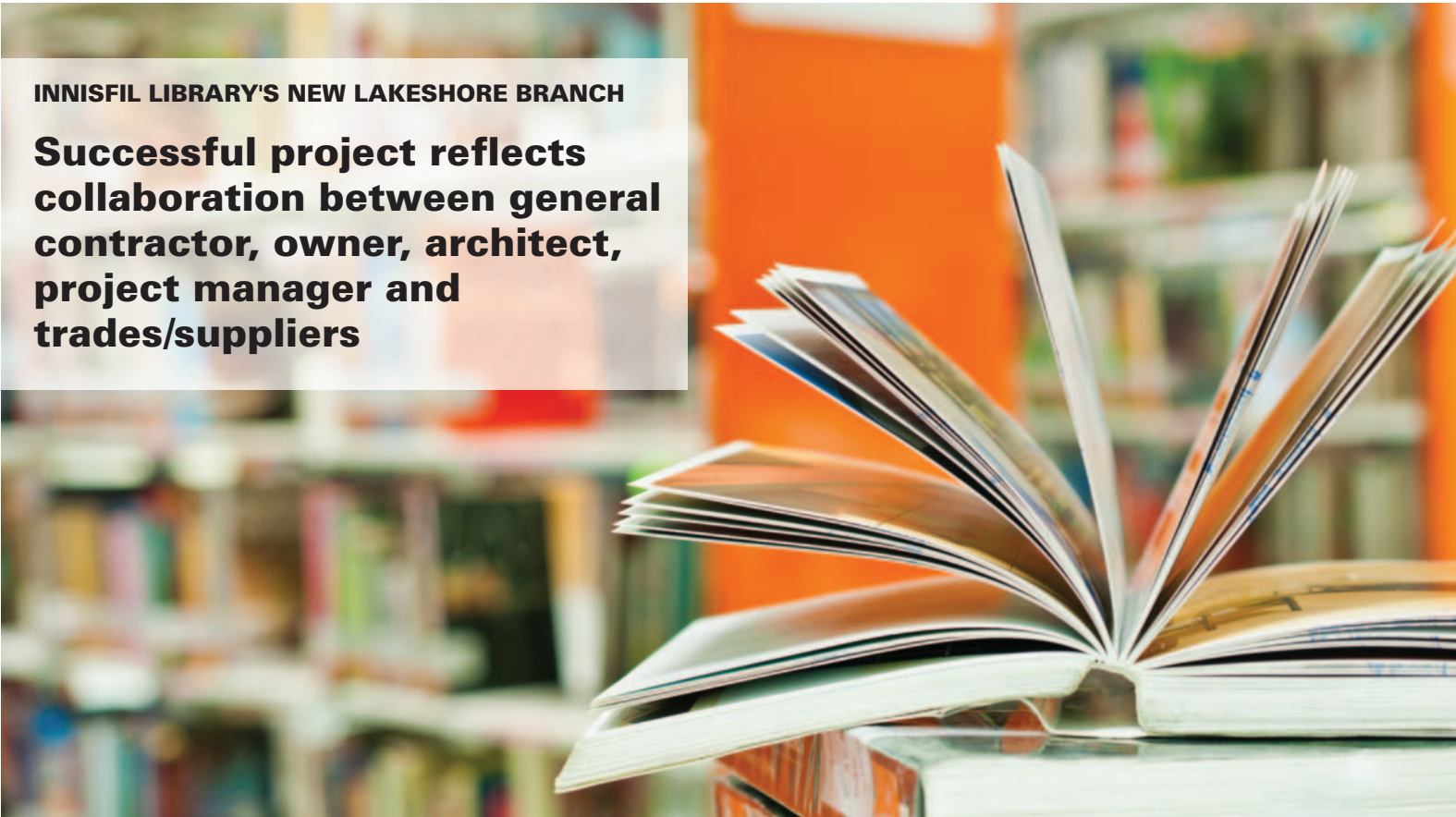


INNISFIL LIBRARY'S NEW LAKESHORE BRANCH

Successful project reflects collaboration between general contractor, owner, architect, project manager and trades/suppliers



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Innisfil, a growing community south of Barrie, will soon have a renovated and expanded Lakeshore Branch library – completing several years of co-ordination, collaboration and construction.

Project manager Gordon Gupta Group Inc. collaborated with general contractor Bertram Construction Ltd. and Shoalts & Saback Architects Ltd. The work, scheduled for completion in April 2015, included renovation of an existing building constructed in 2001 and an 11,000 sq. ft. addition. MKG Contracting Services Inc. supplied and installed the engineered heavy gauge steel stud exterior walls, interior non-loading bearing partition walls, gypsum board assemblies and acoustic ceilings.



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The concept of trans-literacy – the idea of reading, writing and interacting across a range of platforms, tools and media – has been incorporated at the project's heart.

Andrew Gordon, principal with Gordon Gupta Group Inc., says his firm came into the project in 2013 after the scope of the project had been established but challenges were identified. "There are always challenges in delivering a first-class facility and maintaining schedule and budget. The people of Innisfil will be getting exactly that."

Gordon says Susan Downs, Innisfil's chief librarian and CEO, put a lot of time into researching other libraries and creating a long-term view that will best serve the community. No longer just about books, he says libraries of the future will be more community oriented and more interactive. "From the graphics on the outside of the building that will invite people in, to the vibrant colours and large collaborative spaces, it is clear this is not your average library."

Spaces within the library include a multi-purpose room with a front projection screen and supporting audio and visual equipment for presentations, music concerts and theatre productions.

A community room for overflow and individual uses required accommodation for an 80-inch diagonal LED display and an AV touch panel. Additional 80 inch LED displays, sound reinforcement and AV inputs were required elsewhere in the branch, including a group study room.



Other indoor areas include a children's play area, fireplace lounge, a hacker/maker space and a digital media lab complete with a green screen and equipment for video and music recordings.

Outdoor spaces for performance and special events also included surface-mounted speakers and audio controls through a main panel in the AV rack room.

Architectural features including high parapet walls, raised walls in the new section with clerestory-type windows, and a new curtain wall along the front and on top of the new stage/performance area make the library distinct and interesting.

MKG president Matt Gilman says the library is the best example of contemporary architecture on a large scale in the Town of Innisfil, which makes it a unique project. "This building is architecturally complex and there are a significant number of different details in the plans that had to be followed."

Gordon says the project's success is a testament to the effort put forth by the entire team. "From the value engineering stages through to anticipating what winter would bring and preparing to be able to work through it – asking the right questions and making appropriate plans – everyone has

pulled together to bring this project in on time and on budget despite challenging circumstances."

Gilman says his company has been involved with Bertram Construction in the past and has developed a good relationship with its staff, which is critical to the success of a job of this size and complexity.

"We were able to work well as a team to coordinate the completion of the work and to overcome any issues that came up on site." He says his team looks forward to being a key team member on future projects in the Barrie and Innisfil area that require a high degree of architectural complexity.

Gordon says it has been a pleasure to be involved with all of the stakeholders, that the local trades who have helped develop the infrastructure of their community should be proud and that the project exemplifies a rare example of true success.

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