

King City Township Public Library:

A vibrant community hub and centre for innovation



The newly expanded King City Township Public Library combines traditional resources and services with new and innovative features to provide something for everyone in the community.

An Inclusive Space for the Community

The King City public library's expansion extends the footprint of the existing building from 7,839 square feet to just over 20,000 square feet. A dedicated Maker Space for creative collaboration, quiet study rooms, iPad bar, a larger community room, and lounge areas, bring the library into the 21st century without sacrificing the traditional features people loved most about the original space. "This library is a space for everyone in the community," says the Library's Manager of Community Engagement & Marketing, Kelley England.

She adds, "By functioning as both a center of innovation and vibrant community hub, the expansion and renovation of the library ensures that the services we provide remain inclusive, relevant, and reflect the growth and changing needs of the King community."

Inviting and Comfortable

The building is strategically positioned on a hillside to enable a walk-out from the lower level. Wood, stone and glass were specifically chosen for the exterior to blend into the natural setting. Interior furnishings feature orange, blue and green textiles to mimic the colors of nature visible through the floor to ceiling windows. Explains Designer DeAnna Murphy of The Office Shop, "The careful placement of richly textured textiles and finishes on the furniture brings a hug to the main level and makes visitors feel at home and happy to stay as long as they want."



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Chair, King Township Library Board

Multifunctional

In the Children’s Program area, bright colors and playful, nature-themed furniture are designed to ignite the imagination. As the space transitions into the teen and adult spaces of the library, the color theme shifts from primary colors to deeper shades creating a more tranquil and sophisticated atmosphere. Careful consideration has been made to include opportunities for relaxation, activity, focus and collaboration. The use of lounge seating creates cozy places to grab a book and stay awhile. Benching, meeting tables and collaborative tables support productivity for research, study and collaboration with others. The innovative make-it lab is a hackable and flexible space for activities like crafts and other programming and provides access to a 3D printer.

Adds Murphy, “We wanted to create a place where everyone can come together, where they can have their own space and feel included and comfortable. We’re creating a really vibrant community.” Sylvia Pal, chair of the King Township Library Board concludes, “Public space is precious so what we do with it speaks volumes about what is important to us as a community.”

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Drift lounge seating	River lounge seating, tables
Kadin tables	Swap tables
Lite guest seating	Wind lounge seating, tables
Novello task seating	Zook tables
Popcorn guest seating	



