Four Recipients of the 2015 OLA Library Building Award Announced

Libraries and partnering architectural firms win awards through association

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TORONTO, ON (June 4, 2015): Additions, renovations, restorations and interior redesigns are just a few aspects recipients of the 2015 Ontario Library Association (OLA) Library Building Award were judged upon. OLA is pleased to announce four recipients of the distinguished award, which focused on *Library Architectural and Design Transformation*:

- **Ottawa Public Library, Beaverbrook Branch**
  - *Moriyama & Teshima Architects*

- **Kitchener Public Library, Central Branch**
  - *LGA Architectural Partners*

- **Carleton University, MacOdrum Library**
  - *Diamond Schmitt Architects*

- **Toronto Public Library, Mount Dennis Branch**
  - *G. Bruce Stratton Architects*
The 2015 award presentation will occur at the *Annual Institute on the Library as Place* being held at Waterloo Delta, Waterloo Ontario on July 6 and 7.

The OLA Library Building Award encourages and showcases excellence in the architectural design and planning of libraries in Ontario. The award is divided into two alternating categories (*Library Architectural and Design Transformation*, and *New Library Buildings*) and runs every third year to allow a critical number of projects in all types of libraries to accumulate.

Through their partnerships with architectural firms, the award recipients have created wonderful community spaces. These projects are particularly crucial given that Ontario’s libraries face an infrastructure crisis if further funding resources are not committed. The OLA salutes our recipients’ dedication to meeting the demand for multi-functional library buildings that serve the needs of their communities and organizations.

For photos, interviews and additional information, please email ahutchinson@accessola.com.

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