

weddings & special events





unique cultural spaces

For your wedding day, or any other special event, we invite you to celebrate in the library.

Choose from an intimate exhibit gallery, a vaulted reading room or large, vibrant light-filled spaces within TPL's Research and Reference Libraries. Consider renting an entire library branch for your next celebration and party in the stacks in one of three of Toronto Public Library's most architecturally striking buildings.

Toronto Public Library's unique event venues offer premium cultural experiences, at affordable prices, managed by experienced and expert event staff.

We invite you to browse through the many library venue options and discover our beautiful buildings, in desirable easy-to-access locations across the city.

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North York Central Library

The North York Central Library is a stunning and vibrant public place for weddings and other social gatherings.

A distinctive design featuring unique contemporary finishes, the library offers a dynamic, open-concept Concourse Event Space that can be transformed to suit a variety of special events.



Concourse Event Space

Exceptional and sophisticated gathering space with south-facing views of the cityscape

Capacity: 250 people • Rental Fee: \$1,400 - \$2,800

Located at the North York Central Library, the Concourse Event Space is a contemporary 5000 sq. ft. open-concept complex comprised of a large main dining area surrounded by three smaller collaboration rooms and a flexible reception area. The Concourse includes a private entrance vestibule, a coatroom, private washrooms and a catering kitchen. The space is equipped with a built-in stage and fully integrated state-of-the-art audiovisual system and high-speed internet connectivity. There is convenient elevator access directly from the underground parking garage or the main transit line. Sophisticated wood and glass finishes and large south-facing windows make this an exceptional gathering space.



Main Space

Capacity: 250 people

An open floor plan with a built-in stage, featuring contemporary wood paneling and south facing windows over-looking Mel Lastman Square.



Reception area

Capacity: contact us

Flowing directly from the concourse entrance is a reception area. This area is bright and airy, and has a prominent glass wall with doors connecting it directly with the central meeting area. There is ample space for a bar, information displays, etc. making it an ideal and flexible reception room.



Toronto Reference Library

The Toronto Reference Library is the flagship of the world's biggest and busiest public library system. A stunning and distinctive Raymond Moriyama design, this Toronto architectural landmark boasts an expansive open floor design wrapped around a soaring central atrium.

The Reference Library offers a range of venues from special collections spaces to distinctive light-filled rooms and extraordinary open floors that can be used individually or combined to fit any size and type of special event.



Beeton Hall Events Centre

Charming, sophisticated setting with downtown convenience

Capacity: 180 people • Rental Fee: \$1,000 - \$1,900

Located at the Toronto Reference Library, the Beeton Hall Events Centre is a cluster of four spaces: Beeton Hall, Executive Boardroom, Founders' Room and Sonnet. Ideal for small to medium size meetings or conferences. The Centre features a reception lobby, private washrooms, a cloak room, catering kitchen, and an optional private entrance from Collier Street. A combination of contemporary wood paneling and exposed brick bring sophisticated elegance to any event.



Bram & Bluma Appel Salon

A literary and cultural hotspot with a distinctive contemporary design.

Capacity: 575 people • Rental Fee: \$1,900 - \$3,475

Located at Toronto Reference Library, The Bram & Bluma Appel Salon is a versatile and engaging space where the library mounts its large-scale high-profile literary and cultural events. Flooded with natural light, the Appel Salon offers a contemporary modular design and is comprised of three rooms which can be used separately or in combination. Additional features include two outdoor terraces, a full catering kitchen, a built-in bar and private washrooms. Distinctive, well-appointed finishes create a welcoming special event backdrop.



Epic Hall

Capacity: 458 people

Epic Hall is the largest of the three Appel Salon rooms. It has an open floor plan with a built-in stage and features dramatic windows along the east and north side, a private outdoor terrace, exposed brick and contemporary wood panel walls.



Prologue

Capacity: up to 250 people

This bright airy space has prominent picturesque windows along the east side overlooking a private outdoor terrace. Prologue has high ceilings with skylights, a raised dais and a built-in bar, making it ideal for receptions.



Novella

Capacity: 118 people

Novella is the smallest of the three rooms and is accented with unique windows, contemporary wood panelling and a built-in glass case for displays of Toronto Public Library Special Collections.

Open Library Floors

Level One, Level Two and Level Five

Soaring open spaces immersed within the iconic Toronto Reference Library.



Level One

Capacity: 750 people • Rental Fee: \$7,500

With an extraordinary atrium above, level one of the Toronto Reference Library is a one-of-a-kind modern cathedral. An open-concept layout, a central stage and flexible seating combine to create the perfect backdrop for large-scale special events. Prominent design elements include serpentine wooden counters, digital display walls and a curved glass browsery creating transparency with the urban landscape.



Level Two

Capacity: 500 people • Rental Fee: \$4,500

With the Reference Library's collection in full view, the second level is an opportunity to immerse special event guests in a library setting. Striking & contemporary built-in seating options and ample open areas offer maximum flexibility. Circular glass study pods could become focal points for themed activations. Library service counters by day become ideal bars or food stations by night.



Level Five

**Capacity: Contact us
Rental Fee: \$3,800**

At the pinnacle of this iconic urban library, guests can mingle amongst the stacks and share in celebration while overlooking the spectacular central atrium below and the expansive metropolitan landscape downtown, uptown and beyond. Versatile seating along with open-concept areas and many built-in features make Level Five an exciting private event venue.

Special Collection Spaces

Two embracing environments featuring curated scenes of the library's rare and cherished special collections.



TD Gallery

Capacity: 85 people • Rental Fee: \$1,200

TD Gallery at the Toronto Reference Library is a space to connect with our collective cultural memory. Gallery exhibits feature rare and unique items curated from over four million pieces collected by the library since 1884. Exhibits in the serpentine-shaped gallery are sometimes surprising, often captivating, always engaging. TD Gallery is a sophisticated and inspirational special event venue.



The Marilyn & Charles Baillie Special Collections Centre

Capacity: 100 people • Rental Fee: \$1,500

Located on Level Five, the Marilyn & Charles Baillie Special Collections Centre is the Reference Library's crowning jewel, bringing prominence to the library's vast and inspiring Special Collections. Visitors escape to 1883 in the Arthur Conan Doyle reading parlor or examine rare treasures in the stunning vaulted rotunda. Equipped with custom furniture encircling a reflective two-story column, the Centre is a truly unique event venue.



Library Branches

Bloor/Gladstone Library | Fort York Library | Scarborough Civic Centre Library

Imagine renting an entire library for your special event. Whether you are seeking an award-winning heritage building or the architectural splendor of a contemporary design, three of Toronto Public Library neighbourhood branches — Bloor/Gladstone Library, Fort York Library and Scarborough Civic Centre Library — can be transformed into exciting and dynamic event venues. With maximum flexibility in mind, these libraries offer customizable backdrops to suit a variety of special events and are conveniently located across the city.



Bloor/Gladstone Library

In with the old, in with the new; a beautiful and historically remarkable Toronto building with a striking modern addition

Capacity: 400 people • Rental Fee: \$5,000

Bloor/Gladstone Library, one of Toronto's oldest operating libraries, is a designated heritage building and the recipient of multiple design and architecture awards. The building features two gas fireplaces, an array of soft seating and a dramatic glazed extension to the original old building. A central staircase and elevator connects all the floors and a small landscaped terrace is located at the back. Ideal for a stand up cocktail party or a casual dinner and dancing evening.



Fort York Library

A modern, award-winning glass design with urban neighbourhood appeal and amazing views of the city.

Capacity: 300 people • Rental Fee: \$4,500

Fort York Library is a highly transparent two story glass building oriented to yield unimpeded views to Fort York, the city and the lake. Mobile book cases, built-in custom counters and sleek lounge seating combine for maximum flexibility to transform this beautiful downtown library into a stylish urban event space with easy transit access and nearby parking.



Scarborough Civic Centre Library

An elegant wood and glass landmark beautifully situated in a diverse and multicultural community.

Capacity: 350 people • Rental Fee: \$3,800

Scarborough Civic Centre Library boasts an energizing and naturalistic design featuring a black spruce interior and panoramic windows. With a vibrant, open concept layout and four green roofs, the building is an elegant expression of the local landscape. The convenience of a customizable interior combined with easy access and ample nearby parking, make this library the perfect venue for many occasions.

Rental Options & Rates

Hosting your special event at Toronto Public Library offers flexibility and choice. Our experienced and expert event staff will guide you through all of the options to ensure you choose the right location and your event is a success.

North York Central Library



Concourse Event Space

Rental Option	Theatre	Round Table Full	Round Table Half	Boardroom	Reception	Rental Rate
Concourse Event Space	195	180	108	N/A	250	\$1,400-2,800

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Beeton Hall Events Centre

Rental options	Theatre	Dining	Reception	Rental rate
Beeton Hall Events Centre (includes reception lobby, Beeton Hall,	180	120	180	\$1,900
Beeton Hall (includes reception lobby)	180	120	180	\$1,000



Bram & Bluma Appel Salon

Rental options	Theatre	Dining	Reception	Rental rate
Appel Salon (incl Epic Hall, Prologue, Novella)	458	400	575	Daytime: \$1,700-\$2,200 Evening: \$2,200-\$3,475
Epic Hall & Prologue	458	400	575	Daytime: \$1,400-\$1900 Evening: \$2,000-\$3,100
Novella & Prologue	118	80	250	Daytime: \$1,400-\$1900 Evening: \$2,000-\$3,100

Toronto Reference Library



Open Library Floors (only available after hours)

Rental options	Theatre	Dining	Reception	Rental rate
Level one	N/A	500	750	\$7,500
Level two	N/A	500	500	\$4,500
Level five	N/A	Contact us	Contact us	\$2,800



Special Collection Spaces (only available after hours)

Rental options	Theatre	Dining	Reception	Rental rate
TD Gallery	N/A	Contact us	85	\$1,200
The Marilyn & Charles Baillie Special Collections Centre	N/A	Contact us	100	\$1,500

Library Branches



Bloor/Gladstone Library
(only available after hours)

Dining	Reception	Rental rate
Contact us	400	\$5,000



Fort York Library
(only available after hours)

Dining	Reception	Rental rate
Contact us	300	\$4,500








Scarborough Civic Centre Library
(only available after hours)

Dining	Reception	Rental rate
250	350	\$3,800

Event Services & Approved Vendors

Caterers

Toronto Public Library is pleased to offer full service catering through our approved caterers. Our caterers are intimately familiar with the library's venues and they offer a broad range of services including event staff and event equipment rental coordination and menu design and consultation. Please let us know which caterer(s) you would like to receive a quote from so we can connect you with them directly.

Event Rentals & Event Service Staff

Event Rental Group and The Butler Did It are the official suppliers of event rental equipment and event service staff at Toronto Public Library venues. Your caterer will arrange for these services on your behalf.



Audio Visual Services

Audio visual equipment and services are provided by bb Blanc, the Library's exclusive supplier. Please contact them directly for a personalized quote.



Corporate Events
Zia Sultani, Sales & Event
Technology Manager
416-360-0440 x 408
Cell: 416-453-1395
zsultani@bbblanc.com
bbblanc.com

Weddings & Social Events
Cherisse Receno
416-360-0440
creceno@bbblanc.com
bbblanc.com

Additional Event Services

Accents can be added to your event and Toronto Public Library is pleased to recommend the following options. Please contact these vendors directly.



Decor & Florists



416-686-8526
studio@stems.ca
stems.ca



416-663-2913
info@wildflowers.ca

Specialty Furniture



416-703-9236
info@cfrentals.com
cfrentals.com



416-750-9272
info@divinefurniturerental.com



Hotels

North York Central Library

Novotel

3 Park Home Ave
416-733-2929
all.accor.com

The Willowdale Hotel

170 Willowdale Ave.
416-221-7236
willowdalehotel.
comparkhyatttoronto.com

Toronto Reference Library

W Toronto

90 Bloor Street East,
416-961-8000
marriott.com

Four Seasons Hotel, Toronto

60 Yorkville Ave
Contact: Lina Marchesano
lina.marchesano@fourseasons.com
416-928-7307
fourseasons.com

Park Hyatt Toronto

4 Avenue Road
Contact: Amanda Poujade
amanda.poujade@hyatt.com
416-324-1562
parkhyatttoronto.com

Bloor/Gladstone Library

Gladstone House

1214 Queen St. W.
416-531-4635
gladstonehotel.com

The Drake Hotel

1150 Queen St. W.
416-531-5042
thedrakehotel.ca

Fort York Library

**Delta Hotels
by Marriott Toronto**

75 Lower Simcoe St.
416-849-1200
marriott.com

Radisson Blu

249 Queens Quay W.
437-886-9667
radissonhotelsamericas.com

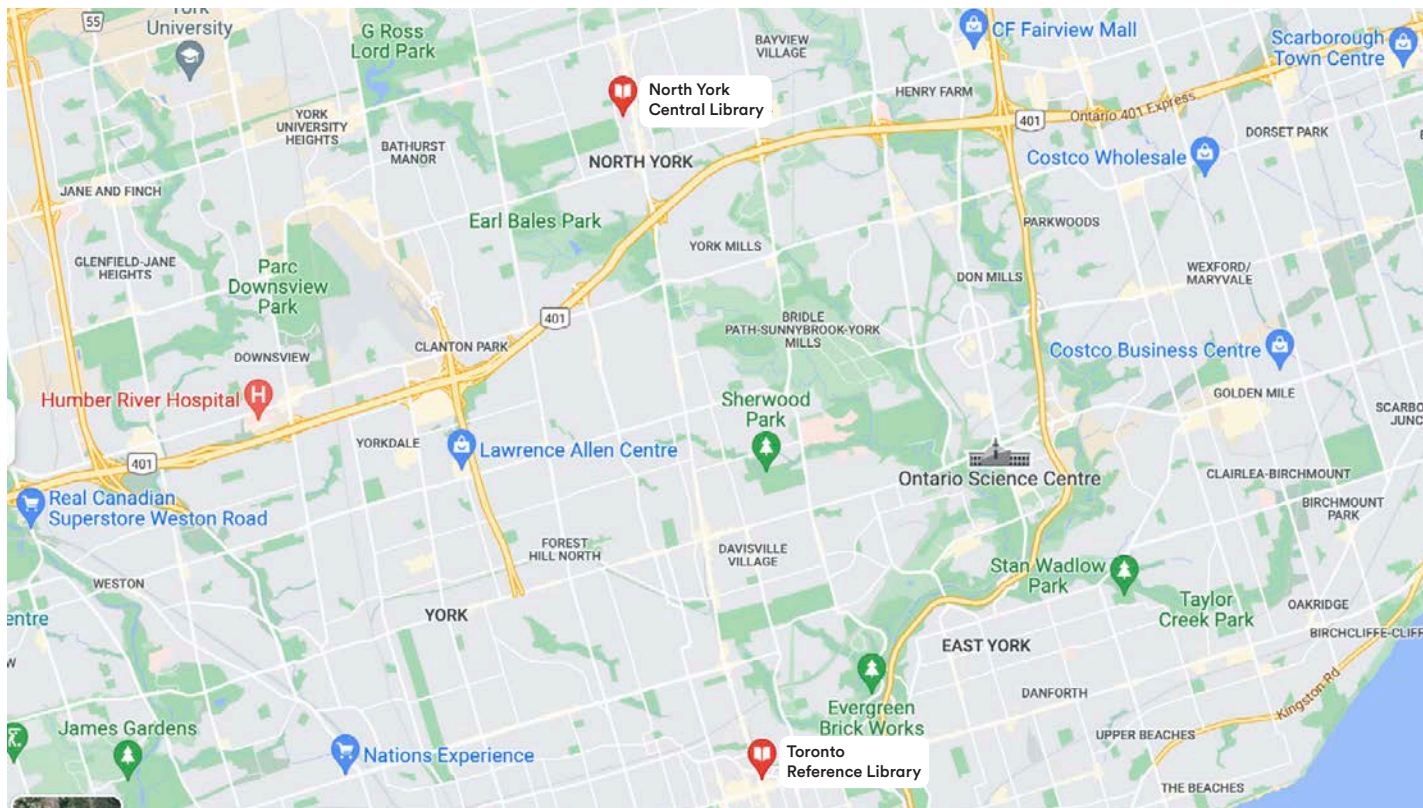
Scarborough Civic Centre Library

**Delta Hotels by
Marriott Toronto East**

2035 Kennedy Rd.
Scarborough
416-299-1500
marriott.com

**Holiday Inn Express
Toronto East**

50 Estate Dr.
416-439-9666
ihg.com



Venue Rental Locations

North York Central Library

5120 Yonge Street, west side of Yonge, one block north of Sheppard Ave.

Public Transit

Exit at TTC subway station North York Centre. Walk west inside concourse level mall to the library, located in the south-west corner of the mall.

Parking

Paid. Underground at North York Centre and nearby lots on Beecroft Rd.

Toronto Reference Library

789 Yonge Street, one block north of Bloor Street.

Public Transit

Exit at TTC Bloor-Yonge subway station. Walk north to the library, on east side of Yonge Street.

Parking

Paid. Nearby parking lots on Cumberland Avenue, Yorkville Avenue and Asquith Avenue.

Bloor/Gladstone Library

1101 Bloor Street West
One block east of Dufferin Street.

Public Transit

Exit at TTC Dufferin subway station. Walk ½ block each to the library, on south side of Bloor Street.

Parking

Paid. Nearby parking lot on Bloor Street.

Fort York Library

190 Fort York Boulevard
One block east of Bathurst Street.

Public Transit

TTC Streetcar #511 southbound from Bathurst subway station or northbound from Exhibition Place to Fort York stop

Parking

Paid. Nearby parking lot at Portland and Front St.

Scarborough Civic Centre Library

156 Borough Drive
Between Brimley Road and McCowna Road, one block north of Ellesmere Road. Easy access from Highway 401.

Public Transit

Subway line #2, Bloor/Danforth Line, to Kennedy then line #3, Scarborough Line to Scarborough Town Centre station

Parking

Paid. Nearby lot on Borough Drive

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