

Surrey City Centre Library / Bing Thom Architects

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Location

Surrey, BC, [Canada](#)

Architect in Charge

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Area

82000.0 ft²

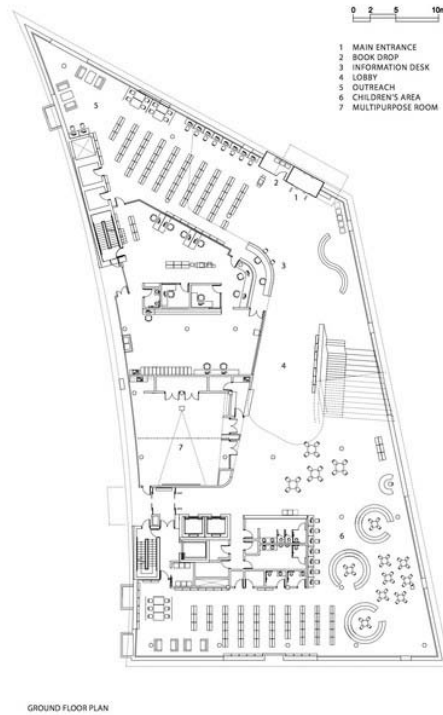
Project Year

2011

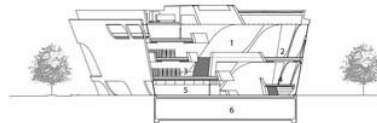
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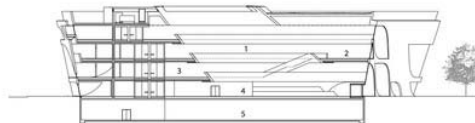


From the architect. The LEED® Gold Certified [Surrey City Centre Library](#) marks the next phase of a major civic investment in the transformation of downtown [Surrey](#). With advances in easily available electronic information, the role of libraries is changing and the book collection is no longer the central focus.



SECTION 1

- 1 ATRIUM
- 2 LIVING ROOM
- 3 ADULT NON-FICTION
- 4 LOBBY STAIR
- 5 MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
- 6 PARKING



SECTION 2

- 1 ATRIUM
- 2 LIVING ROOM
- 3 ADULT NON-FICTION
- 4 RECEIVING/INFORMATION
- 5 PARKING

The building design evolved out of the need to provide a space for reading, studying, and above all, gathering as a community. The library features large windows, a welcoming entrance with clear sight lines that allow visitors to quickly orient themselves in the space, and an upward winding central atrium and two skylights that allow natural light into the building. Utilizing state of the art computer modeling software, BTA was able to ensure that the concrete formwork was highly efficient and easy to construct. The exterior concrete structure was carefully detailed as the final surface, thereby eliminating the need for expensive building cladding.



The outward sloped walls also provide solar shading. Together with the [Surrey](#) librarians, BTA developed a social media strategy using blogs, Facebook, Twitter and Flickr to engage the community in the design of the building, encouraging the public to post comments and photos, thereby making the City Centre Library arguably the first public building in the world to be designed with the aid of social media.



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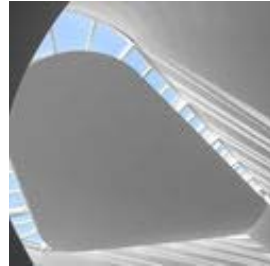
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Ground Floor Plan



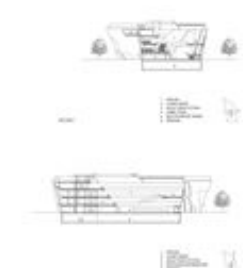
2nd Floor Plan



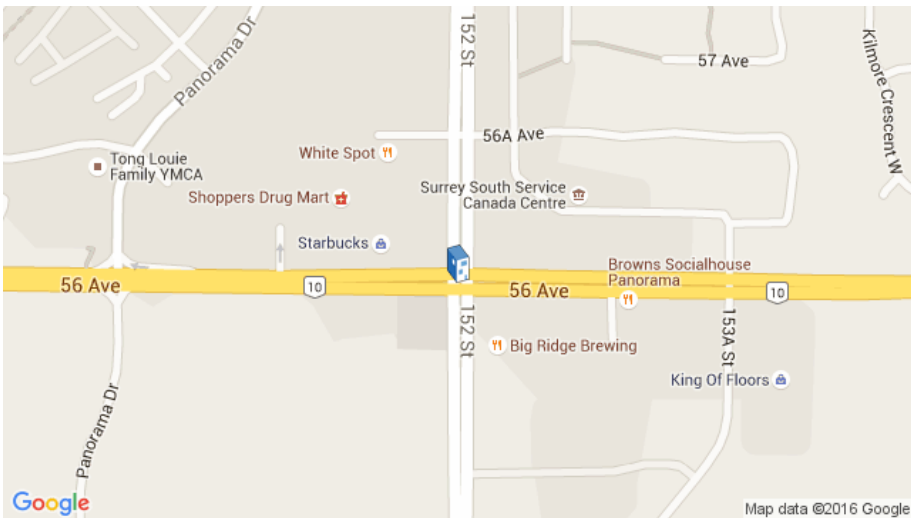
3rd Floor Plan



4th Floor Plan



Sections



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