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Mechanics' Institute – Woodbridge's first public library, located on Pine Street (Circa 1883)

PROJECT FACTS AND FIGURES:

- Construction of the first library in Woodbridge in 1882; known as The Mechanics Institute
- Original building erected in 1971 with 1,000 square feet of space; it was dismantled in 1980
- Planning for current building started in 1979
- Located within historic Woodbridge
- Opened to the public October 1981
- 9,600 square feet on two floors; the building is a back split style with a lower level and an elevator; skylights over front entrance
- Located next to the entrance to Market Lane outdoor shopping concourse

DESIGN FEATURES:

- Front elevation preserves the façade of the last municipal offices of the Village of Woodbridge on the site which served as a public library until the erection of the present day structure in 1981
- Lower level, accessible by a ramp from the library's front entrance, by elevator, or by stairs
- Interior renovations carried out in 2000 & 2014
- Accessibility features (AODA compliant)

ABOUT THE WOODBRIDGE LIBRARY:

- Community library
- Program/meeting room on located on lower level accommodates 60 people in theatre style seating
- Collection of approximately 43,500 items
- Self-checkout for library materials

