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The owners of this café, housed in a heritage building, set out to create family-friendly, clean and bright bathrooms for their patrons

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Heritage buildings can provide a charming ambience, but often require extensive upgrades to bring them into line with modern requirements.

When this 1920s library building in Onehunga was converted to a family-friendly café, the designer turned to Kohler to supply the bathroomware needed to create a bright, spacious, and clean environment, says café owner Debbie Leaver.

"Because the Library Café is a heritage building, we could not knock down the walls, so we were working in a constrained space," says Leaver.

The design solution for the bathrooms was to combine sleek contemporary lines with functional, easy-to-clean designs, says Kohler product manager Vivienne Wood.

"The clean simplicity of the vitreous china, textures, colours and new modern fittings with matching curved

shapes were the main solutions to achieving the design objectives. The outcome is a clean and crisp facility with a bright airy atmosphere that matches the rest of the café decor," she says.

In the main bathrooms, shown below right, the designer specified twin Kohler Odeon semi-recessed basins with Kohler Symbol tapware, to complement the Kohler Opiaz toilet suites. The disability toilet, the Ove raised-height toilet suite from Kohler, has a 460mm raised-height pan and complies to the NZ Building Code G1 and AS1172 standards. The Ove is WELS rated as 4.5 litre flush and a 3 litre half flush, for water efficiency, and has a quiet-close seat.

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Below For this project, a family-style café within an old library, the designer has specified Kohler bathroom products, including the disability toilet shown below left. The Ove raised-height toilet is suitable for wall or floor waste outlets and is installed with four semi-concealed fixing points to the floor for maximum stability.

