

REPURPOSED

Southeast Branch, Nashville Public Library, Antioch, Tennessee

D The Southeast Branch of Nashville Public Library is housed in a former J. C. Penney department store. Sharing the space with a community center, it has a makerspace with 3D printer and a 24-hour-accessible lobby with touchscreen displays to access downloadable materials.
PROJECT: Adaptive reuse
ARCHITECT: HBM Architects
SIZE: 25,000 square feet
COST: \$18.4 million
PHOTO: Tonda McKay

Northside Library, Jefferson-Madison Regional Library, Charlottesville, Virginia

E HBM Architects transformed a steel structure built in 1988 that once served as a building supply store into the Northside Library. Warm colors and bright accents disguise the space's former use, and new skylights and a glass wall bring natural light and transparency to the facility.
PROJECT: Adaptive reuse
ARCHITECT: HBM Architects
SIZE: 36,500 square feet
COST: \$11.8 million
PHOTO: Steve Trumbull

Library 21c, Pikes Peak Library District, Colorado Springs, Colorado

F Pikes Peak Library District breathed new life into a space vacant for decades, creating a hands-on learning facility with 3D printers, sewing machines, video game development capabilities, a 400-seat venue for presentations, audio and visual recording studios, and an e-help center.
PROJECT: Adaptive reuse
ARCHITECT: Humphries Poli Architects
SIZE: 112,883 square feet
COST: \$10.7 million
PHOTO: Humphries Poli Architects



SHARED SPACES

Clareview Branch, Edmonton (Alberta) Public Library

G The City of Edmonton and Edmonton Public Library joined forces to create a joint branch library and recreation center. The facility has become a transformational force, offering library and learning services and social and cultural activities to a neighborhood with lower-than-average household incomes and rates of secondary education.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: Teeple Architects, Inc.

SIZE: 19,316 square feet

COST: \$7.4 million

PHOTO: Tom Arban

Mitchell Park Library and Community Center, Palo Alto, California

H The Mitchell Park Library and Community Center replaces two outdated facilities. Designed with community input, the LEED Platinum-certified building looks to the future with vibrant colors, bold architectural elements, and abundant light. To celebrate the community's heritage, a large existing oak tree in the courtyard has been incorporated into the building's design.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: Group 4 Architecture,
Research + Planning, Inc.

SIZE: 56,000 square feet

COST: \$46.3 million

PHOTO: Gregory Cortez





FOR THE KIDS

Central Library, Boston Public Library

I The second floor of the Central Library's Johnson Building has been transformed into a kid and teen wonderland awash in natural light and bright colors. The kids' area features new storytime spaces and a tween area, while the teen area is tech-friendly, with a digital lab, a media lounge, and homework and hangout booths.

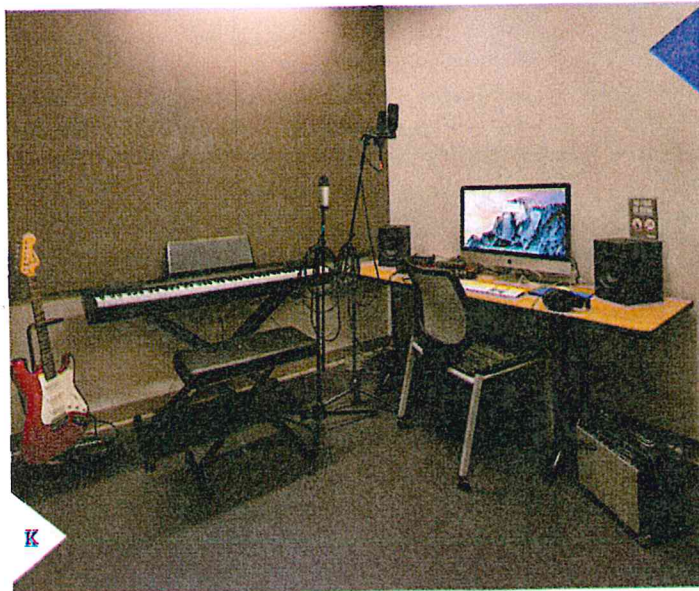
PROJECT: Renovation
ARCHITECT: William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc.
SIZE: 42,245 square feet
COST: \$16.1 million
PHOTO: Boston Public Library



East Hampton (N.Y.) Library

I East Hampton (N.Y.) Library channels the East Coast's seafaring history into its kids section with a reference desk shaped like a boat, two 10-foot-tall model lighthouses, hanging lights shaped like seagulls, and a local map on the floor complete with a sea serpent and Native Americans canoeing across Peconic Bay.

PROJECT: Renovation and expansion
ARCHITECT: Robert A. M. Stern Architects, LLP
SIZE: 25,000 square feet
COST: \$6.5 million
PHOTO: Francis Dzikowski/OTTO



A/V TEENS

Main Library, Monroe County (Ind.) Public Library, Bloomington

K Monroe County (Ind.) Public Library transformed its movie and music areas into two state-of-the-art digital creation centers. The ground floor teen space encourages collaboration with its open modular design, while the second floor houses a green-screen video production studio and two soundproof audio recording studios.

PROJECT: Renovation
ARCHITECT: Christine Matheu, Architect
SIZE: 131,598 square feet
COST: \$633,000
PHOTO: Kendall Reeves/Spectrum Studio Inc.

HIGHER LEARNING

Library Learning Commons, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester

L Southern New Hampshire University's Library Learning Commons is a large, impressive structure at the heart of the campus. It houses the university's relocated Shapiro Library and features a new innovation lab, a learning center, a makerspace, an IT help desk, and a café.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: Perry Dean Rogers | Partners
Architects

SIZE: 50,000 square feet

COST: \$17.3 million

PHOTO: Chuck Choi

Jerry Falwell Library, Liberty University, Lynchburg, Virginia

M The new Jerry Falwell Library is a structure devoted to student activity, with a wide range of flexible spaces to work and socialize. A large learning commons and public areas offer informal gathering spots, while personal study zones and small- to medium-sized group study rooms allow for quiet retreat.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: VMDO Architects, P. C.

SIZE: 170,000 square feet

COST: \$50 million

PHOTO: Alan Karchmer

Syracuse (N.Y.) University, College of Law Library

N Natural light streams in through glass window walls on all four sides of the new law library at Syracuse University. Part of a new LEED-certified College of Law building, the library has 44,211 feet of shelving, 300 seats, a 20-seat classroom, eight group study rooms, a climate-controlled rare book room, and is connected to a ceremonial appellate courtroom and public space.

PROJECT: New construction

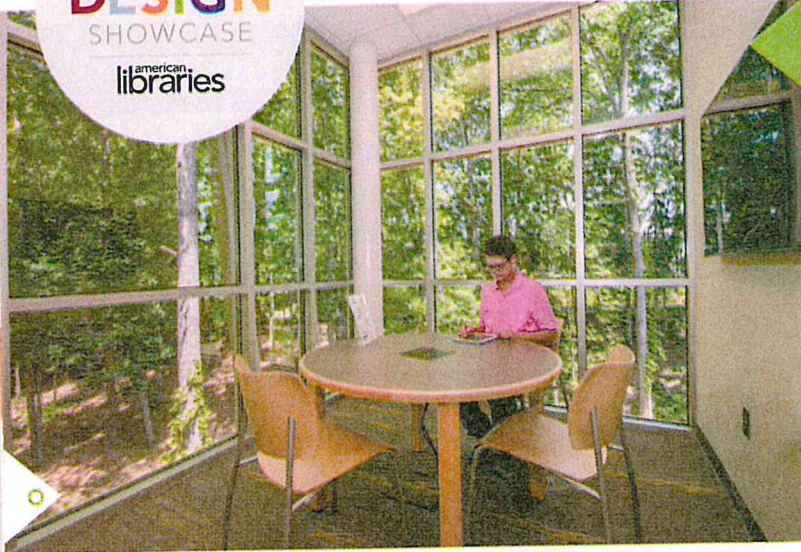
ARCHITECT: Gluckman Mayner Architects

SIZE: 31,928 square feet

COST: \$100 million

PHOTO: Steve Sartori



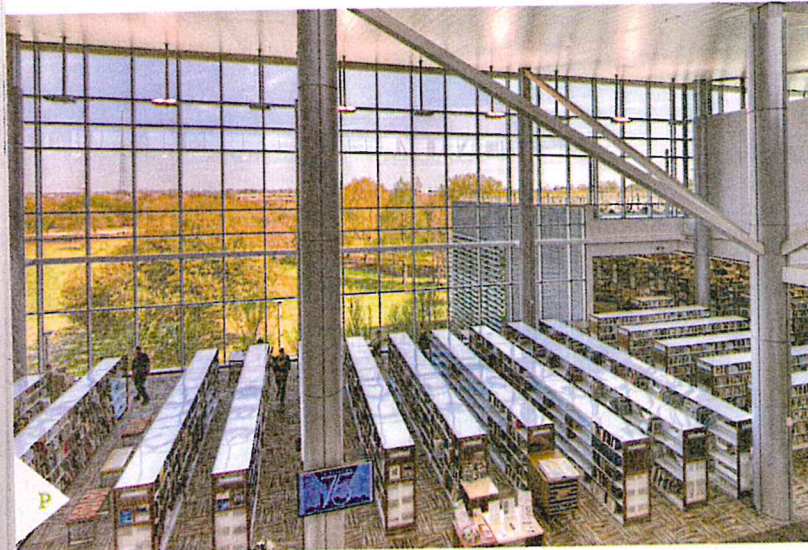


AT ONE WITH NATURE

East Roswell (Ga.) Branch, Atlanta-Fulton Public Library System

O The design for the East Roswell (Ga.) Branch Library connects the facility with the surrounding wooded areas, creating a library within the trees. A covered bridge entry leads patrons into a library where open sightlines, stone, wood, other warm natural materials and products, and expanses of glass blur the boundary between exterior and interior space.

PROJECT: New construction
ARCHITECT: HBM Architects
SIZE: 15,200 square feet
COST: \$6.2 million
PHOTO: Tonda McKay



Main Library, East Baton Rouge (La.) Parish Library at Goodwood

P The East Baton Rouge (La.) Parish Library's Main Library takes full advantage of its location within a community park to offer an immersive experience with nature. A three-story glass wall offers views of a botanical garden, while a central plaza connects the library to gardens, soccer fields, and a new café. A rooftop terrace completes the effect.

PROJECT: New construction
ARCHITECT: Library Design Collaborative: A Joint Venture
SIZE: 129,000 square feet
COST: \$42.2 million
PHOTO: Josh Peak

OPEN AND AIRY

The Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Library, Corning (N.Y.) Community College

Q Corning (N.Y.) Community College's Arthur A. Houghton Jr. Library is a hub for student learning that provides ample space for collections, student work, and technology. It also looks like it's light as air when viewed from the outside, with its towering glass walls that reveal large open inside spaces.

PROJECT: Renovation
ARCHITECT: HOLT Architects, P. C.
SIZE: 34,200 square feet
COST: \$7.9 million
PHOTO: Revette Studio





WOW FACTOR

Wolf Creek Branch, Atlanta-Fulton (Ga.) Public Library System

R Designed in collaboration with Fulton County and area stakeholders, the Wolf Creek Branch Library symbolically embodies the progress and connectedness of the deeply rooted African-American community of Wolf Creek. The building blends into its lush surroundings, while features like the striking slanted roof reflect the community's upward mobility.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: Leo A. Daly

SIZE: 25,000 square feet

COST: \$7.1 million

PHOTO: Ron Rizzo/Creative Source
Photography, Inc.

Bellevue Branch, Nashville (Tenn.) Public Library

S The Bellevue Branch Library reflects a community reenergized after being devastated by a flood in 2010. The building's elongated modular form recalls stacks of books, emphasizing the importance of learning, wonder, collaboration, escape, and critical thinking to community development and revitalization.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: Hastings Architecture
Associates, LLC

SIZE: 25,000 square feet

COST: \$6 million

PHOTO: Zach Goodyear/Aerial
Innovations

Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Branch, Denver Public Library

T The colorful Rodolfo "Corky" Gonzales Branch embraces the "library as greenhouse" concept, with a three-story plenum wall that serves as a light, water, and air filter. The "living" wall bisects the building and safeguards water, facilitates a passive displacement ventilation system, invites and filters daylight into the library, and showcases the building's automated systems to patrons.

PROJECT: New construction

ARCHITECT: Studiotrope Design Collective

SIZE: 27,000 square feet

COST: \$14 million

PHOTO: David Lauer

