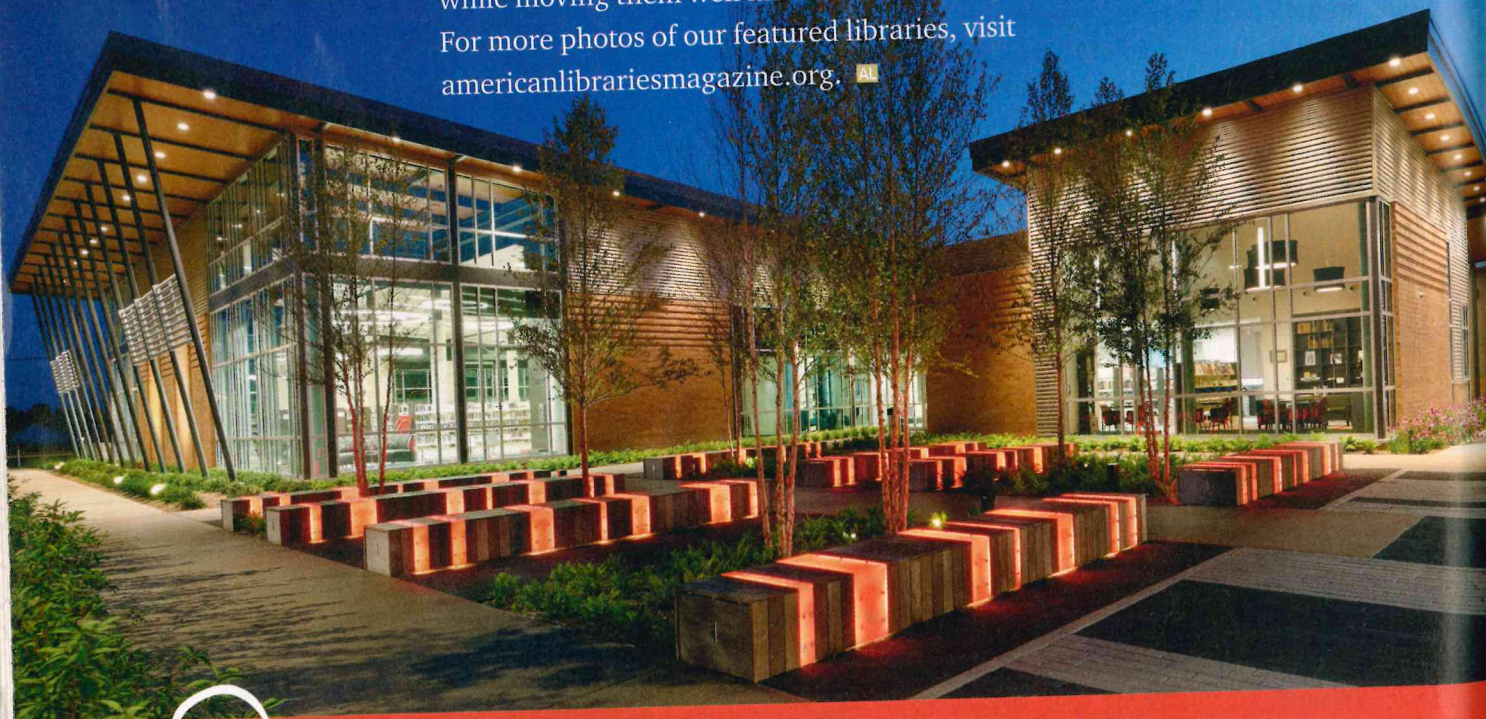


2018

LIBRARY DESIGN SHOWCASE

Welcome to the 2018 Library Design Showcase, *American Libraries*' annual celebration of new and renovated libraries. These shining examples of innovative architectural feats address user needs in unique, interesting, and effective ways. Renovations and expansions continued to dominate submissions, showing how communities are finding novel ways to conserve and honor existing spaces while moving them well into the 21st century. For more photos of our featured libraries, visit americanlibrariesmagazine.org. 



Tune in to the August 31 episode of *American Libraries Dewey Decibel* podcast for conversations about library architecture and design.

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HIGH SCHOOL INSPIRATIONS

North Stafford (Va.) High School Library

North Stafford High School's library was transformed from a dark, outdated, uninspiring space into a state-of-the-art facility inspired by academic libraries, complete with a makerspace, collaborative rooms, instructional areas, and an immersion lab. Floor-to-ceiling glass doors feature the likenesses of seven historical figures chosen by the student body, including Maya Angelou, Jackie Robinson, and John Glenn. **PROJECT:** Renovation **ARCHITECT:** Stantec **SIZE:** 9,500 square feet **COST:** \$2 million **PHOTO:** Tom Holdsworth Photography

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Route 9 Library and Innovation Center, New Castle, Delaware

The Route 9 Library and Innovation Center is a much-needed island of resources and services for an area in New Castle bound by industrial waterways and interstate highways. A perforated, copper-colored steel roof mimics a leafy tree canopy offering safety and security, while inside the building a gathering area is available for community events and programming. **PROJECT:** New construction **ARCHITECT:** Perkins + Will **SIZE:** 44,000 square feet **COST:** \$20.1 million **PHOTO:** Mark Herboth Photography



REBIRTH AFTER TRAGEDY

Joplin (Mo.) Public Library

The new library in Joplin, Missouri, is a symbol of rebirth and a testament to the town's perseverance in the years following the devastating EF5 tornado that destroyed much of the city in 2011. Larger by more than 22,000 square feet than the library that was destroyed, the new building has a cultural center with indoor and outdoor space for the community to gather and learn. **PROJECT:** New construction **ARCHITECT:** Sapp Design Architects/OPN Architects **SIZE:** 58,000 square feet **COST:** \$14.4 million **PHOTO:** Gayle Babcock/Architectural Imageworks

Alcuin Library, Saint John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota

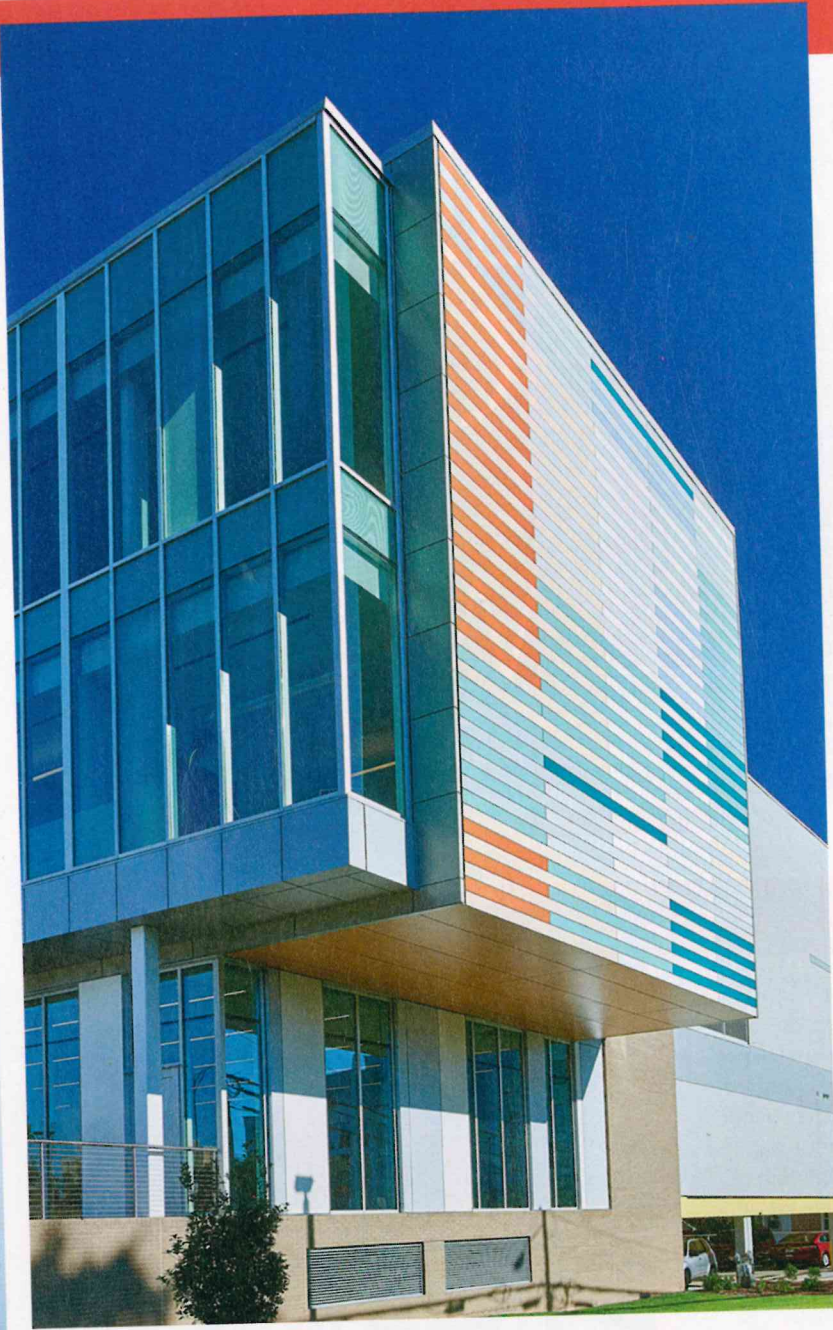
Designed by famed Bauhaus architect Marcel Breuer in 1965, Alcuin Library is an architectural landmark. But it needed a modern overhaul. CSNA Architects' renovation transformed it from a dark, dense, collection-centered facility, to one that embraces openness and space for campus use while still maintaining the integrity of Breuer's original design. **PROJECT:** Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** CSNA Architects **SIZE:** 80,547 square feet **COST:** \$21 million **PHOTO:** Fred Fuhrmeister

Forsyth County (N.C.) Central Library

Forsyth County demolished a portion of its old library building—actually two incongruous structures built 30 years apart—to create a seamless, light-filled, modern third place for the community with more than 50,000 square feet of new space. **PROJECT:** Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** RATIO **SIZE:** 101,000 square feet **COST:** \$23.8 million **PHOTO:** Monica Slaney

Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library, Main Library

Dayton Metro Library contributed to the revitalization of downtown Dayton with a renovation and expansion of its main library that added four times more public space to the facility. Massive windows look out into an adjacent city park, and a 165-seat theater and 300-seat auditorium provide space for recitals, performances, and events. **PROJECT:** Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** LWC Incorporated **SIZE:** 224,000 square feet **COST:** \$64 million **PHOTO:** Ken Schory





SUSTAINABLE SPACE

Richland Library St. Andrews, Columbia, South Carolina

The renovation of Richland Library St. Andrews transformed the building into a sustainable facility that brings needed green space to the community. After moving the parking lot behind the building, architects used the area to create a patio overlooking an accessible garden that's irrigated by a rainwater cistern. **PROJECT:** Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** Liollio Architecture **SIZE:** 15,000 square feet **COST:** \$7.5 million **PHOTO:** Paul Warchol

