

HIGHER LEARNING

R. Howard Webster Library, Concordia University Library, Montreal

← The renovated R. Howard Webster Library is an immersive visual and auditory experience. Audio clips greet patrons as they enter the library, and green walls filled with plants create natural clean air. The library features 22 types of study areas, including silent reading rooms, zero-noise rooms, presentation practice rooms, and a technology section with 3D printing and virtual reality capabilities.

PROJECT: Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** Menkes Shooner Dagenais LeTourneau Architectes **SIZE:** 135,670 square feet **COST:** \$37 million Canadian **PHOTO:** Adrien Williams/Concordia Library





John M. Olin Library, Washington University, St. Louis

The Newman Tower of Collections and Exploration, which rises from an atrium, is the centerpiece of Washington University's renovated John M. Olin Library. The glass tower features four levels of space for study and instruction, as well as display areas for rare materials and collections. **PROJECT:** Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** Ann Beha Architects **SIZE:** 205,000 square feet **COST:** \$18 million **PHOTO:** Alise O'Brien Photography



Learning Resource Center, Suffolk County (N.Y.) Community College

Suffolk County Community College's new library is a literal beacon of light for students: Its lantern-inspired glass center rises above the roof and illuminates the interior of the building by day and the campus by night. A large information commons and collaborative working space sits within the "lantern." **PROJECT:** New construction **ARCHITECT:** ikon.5 architects **SIZE:** 68,000 square feet **COST:** \$24 million **PHOTO:** Jeffrey Totaro

St. Louis University Academic Technology Commons

The standout feature of St. Louis University's (SLU) Pius XII Memorial Library renovation is a new technology commons that reimagines the academic library service model. Inspired by the Genius Bar at Apple Stores, the "AskSLU" concierge service features walk-up information desks where patrons can receive technical support from both students and faculty. **PROJECT:** Renovation **ARCHITECT:** RATIO **SIZE:** 24,409 square feet **COST:** \$5 million **PHOTO:** Sam Fentress

PEACEFUL RETREATS



Richland Library Ballentine, Irmo, South Carolina

Nestled in the woods, Richland Library Ballentine was designed to provide a tranquil escape for the community to learn and create. Its central space was modeled after a living room, with a corner space available for artistic pursuits and a large window that provides a view of the surrounding woodlands.

PROJECT: New construction **ARCHITECT:** Liollio Architecture **SIZE:** 14,000 square feet **COST:** \$8.6 million **PHOTO:** Paul Warchol



Central Library, Austin (Tex.) Public Library

Austin's massive new library merges urbanity with nature. Situated downtown and overlooking Lady Bird Lake and Shoal Creek, the library is a technology-rich hub with indoor and outdoor reading areas, makerspaces, an art gallery, cooking demo spaces, and a rooftop garden. A rainwater harvesting system and solar panels add sustainable elements to the building.

PROJECT: New construction **ARCHITECT:** Lake/Flato Architects/Shepley Bulfinch **SIZE:** 200,000 square feet **COST:** \$125 million **PHOTO:** Atelier Wong Photography

South Central Regional Library, Louisville (Ky.) Free Public Library

South Central Regional Library makes the most of its tree-filled site. Despite its considerable size, the silver geometric facility blends into the environment thanks to its sloping, grass-covered roof and large windows that allow for unfettered views of foliage throughout the building.

PROJECT: New construction **ARCHITECT:** JRA Architects/MSR **SIZE:** 40,000 square feet **COST:** \$14.5 million **PHOTO:** Brandon Stengel



CONNECTIONS TO THE PAST

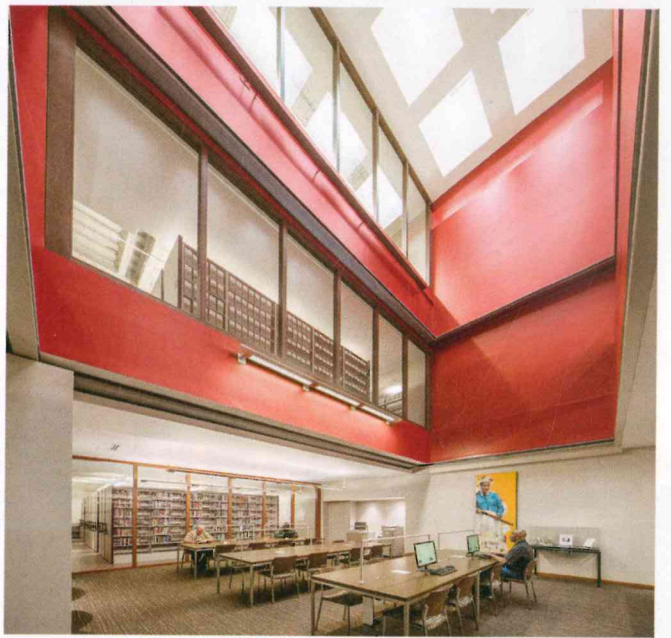
Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville, New York

The new Community Library of DeWitt and Jamesville is an open, light-filled space with reading and activity areas that pinwheel outward from a central lobby. Natural limestone used throughout the exterior and interior of the building is an homage to the region's connection to limestone quarries and the Erie Canal, which was used to transport quarried rock. **PROJECT:** New construction **ARCHITECT:** King + King Architects **SIZE:** 23,700 square feet **COST:** \$8 million **PHOTO:** Revette Studios



Auburn Avenue Research Library, Atlanta

One of four archive and research centers in the US devoted to Africana and African-American collections, Auburn Avenue Research Library completed an extensive renovation that repositioned its entire structure, built in 1994, moving the auditorium, seminar rooms, and galleries to the street-level floor for better community access. **PROJECT:** Renovation and expansion **ARCHITECT:** Perkins + Will **SIZE:** 106,500 square feet **COST:** \$14.3 million **PHOTO:** Jonathan Hillyer



K. O. Lee Aberdeen (S.Dak.) Public Library

The new K. O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library is a bright, roomy facility that serves as a center for both learning and creativity, with reading nooks, community rooms, and a demonstration kitchen. Its linear configuration recalls the historic Craftsman and Prairie-style railroad depots located throughout the city. **PROJECT:** New construction **ARCHITECT:** CO-OP Architecture/MSR **SIZE:** 30,921 square feet **COST:** \$7.7 million **PHOTO:** Spencer Sommer

