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BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE:

Santi Romero has worked since 1993 as architect at the Library Services Management Unit of the Diputació de Barcelona. His work, which focuses on consultation for, and control of, projects and works for the public libraries in the province, has involved him in interventions on more than 150 libraries for most of which the furnishing project was also undertaken.

He has been involved in special library projects in other parts of Spain.

He has given lectures and courses on library architecture for public and private bodies throughout Spain for both architects and librarians.

He is author of the book: *Library Architecture: Recommendations for a comprehensive research project* - http://www.coac.net/escolasert/web/papers_sert/05_biblioteca_w.htm

Since 2005 he has been a member of the IFLA Library Building and Equipment Section Standing Committee

Since 2008 until 2011, in his capacity as a Spanish expert, he has been a member of the international working group “Qualitative conditions and basic statistics for library buildings (space, function and design)” (ISO/TR 11219) of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

FAVOURITE LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN SPAIN:

- [Public Library “Jaume Fuster”, Barcelona, Spain.](#)
- [Public Library of Viladecans, Barcelona, Spain.](#)
- Public Library “Mestre Martí Tauler”, Rubí, Barcelona, Spain.

<http://www.diba.es/biblioteques/agda/biblioteques/Biblioview.asp?ordre=A&Bib=2347>

- Public Library “Ca l’Oliveres”, Lliçà d’Amunt, Barcelona, Spain.

<http://www.diba.es/biblioteques/agda/biblioteques/BiblioView.asp?Bib=7034900&Ordre=A&Mcp=08107>

- Public Library “Can Llaurador”, Teià, Barcelona, Spain.

<http://www.diba.es/biblioteques/agda/biblioteques/Biblioview.asp?ordre=A&Bib=7034892>

FAVOURITE QUOTATION ABOUT LIBRARY DESIGN:

“In a library you are doing things on your own but also in the midst of a group. The building must respond to this condition of individual space which is also social space.” (Josep Llinàs, architect)