New Landmark Libraries

A Way to Start Your Next Project

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Where is the next idea?
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The New Landmark Libraries Project
“The New Icons”
Prototypes or think tanks to inspire the next generation of library buildings
How?

1. US libraries
2. New, renovations, major expansions
3. 5 year window
4. Panel of judges
5. Open submissions
6. Online scoring
Criteria?

1. Overall design & construction excellence
2. Response to community context and constraints
3. Sustainability
4. Functionality
5. Innovation
6. Beauty and delight
Results?

1. 10 winners

2. 10 honorable mentions
Trends from NLLs

1. Get greener
2. Flex for unfolding future
3. Use fewer and smaller service points
4. Win with self-service
5. Think collaboration
6. Borrow from museums
7. Be more retail like
8. Apply a minimalist ethic
9. Save the neighborhood
Poplar Creek Public Library
Streamwood, IL
Architect: Frye Gillian Molinaro
Year: 2009
Major expansion
Main Library
96,846 sq ft
66,639 pop. served

From Eyesore to Eye-Catcher
Phoenix Public Library: **Palo Verde Library/ Maryvale Community Center**

Phoenix, AZ
Architect: Gould Evans Associates + Wendell Burnette Architects
Year: 2006
New construction
Branch + community center
16,000 sq ft library
27,000 sq ft community center
148,719 pop. served

Reinvigorating a Community
Phoenix Public Library: **Cesar Chavez Branch**

Laveen, AZ  
Architect: Line and Space, LLC  
Year: 2007  
New construction  
25,234 sq ft library  
62,866 pop. served

**A Living Room on the Lake**
Gwinnett County Library System- Hamilton Mill Branch

Dacula, Georgia
Architect: Precision Planning, Inc.
Year: 2010
New construction
20,805 sq ft
44,594 pop. served

Blessed by Location, Elevated by Art
Durango Public Library
Durango, Colorado
Architect: Barker Rinker Seacat
Year: 2008
New construction
Main Library
42,000 sq ft
51,600 pop. served

Setting a New Gold Standard
King County Library System- Sammamish Library

Sammamish, Washington
Architect: Perkins & Will
Year: 2010
New construction
Branch
20,000 sq ft
45,790 pop. served

Heart of a New Downtown
Scottsdale Public Library- Appaloosa Branch

Scottsdale, Arizona
Architect: DWL Architects and Planners, Inc.
Year: 2009
New construction
21,242 sq ft
72,000 pop. served

Shimmer of Green in the Desert
Phoenix Public Library - Agave Library

Glendale, Arizona
Architect: will bruder PARTNERS
Year: 2009
New construction
Branch
25,410 sq ft
40,000 pop. served

How the West Was Won
Ramsey County Public Library - Roseville Library

Roseville, Minnesota
Architect: Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Ltd.
Year: 2010
Major expansion
Branch
74,175 sq ft
48,860 pop. served

Pop Goes the Library!
Rangeview Library District- **Anythink Wright Farms**

Thornton, Colorado  
Architect: Humphries Poli Architects  
Year: 2010  
New construction  
Main library  
45,000 sq ft  
117,000 pop. served

**The Cure for Any Identity Crisis**
Ten more that will inspire

1. Anacostia Library
2. Eastern Avenue Branch
3. Kilton Public Library
4. Library! At Cole & Ustick
5. Maple Grove Library
6. Mission Bay Branch
7. Plainsboro Public Library
8. Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch
9. Westhampton Free Library
10. White Tank Branch Library and Nature Center
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