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NEW LANDMARK LIBRARIES

Treat them as prototypes for your next building project or think tanks for great design ideas that will support your library's mission. *LJ's* ten **New Landmark Libraries** embody the best of what public libraries are today and what they might be tomorrow. The Landmarks, named by a team of 16 expert judges and announced in this issue of *Library Journal* (May 15), are profiled in the *Library By Design* supplement. They are flexible. They are green. They pack a lot of "wow." In this webcast, four architects and moderator Louise Schaper, **New Landmark Libraries** project lead, will take you into their winning buildings.

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NEW LANDMARK LIBRARIES

Our quest to identify the New Landmark Libraries names ten winning public libraries and ten honorable mentions

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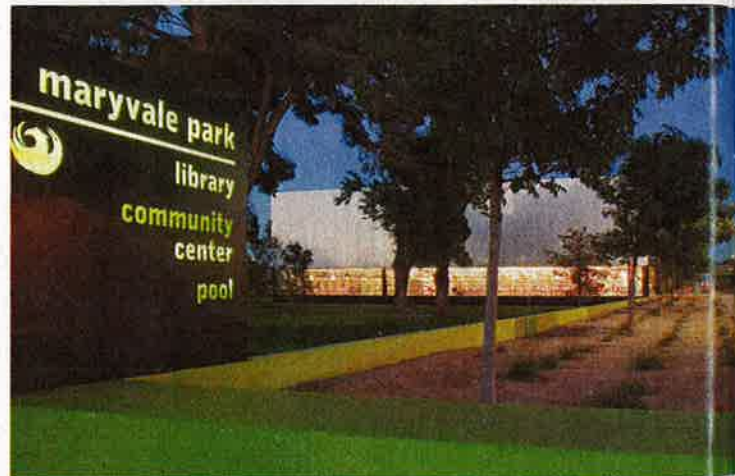
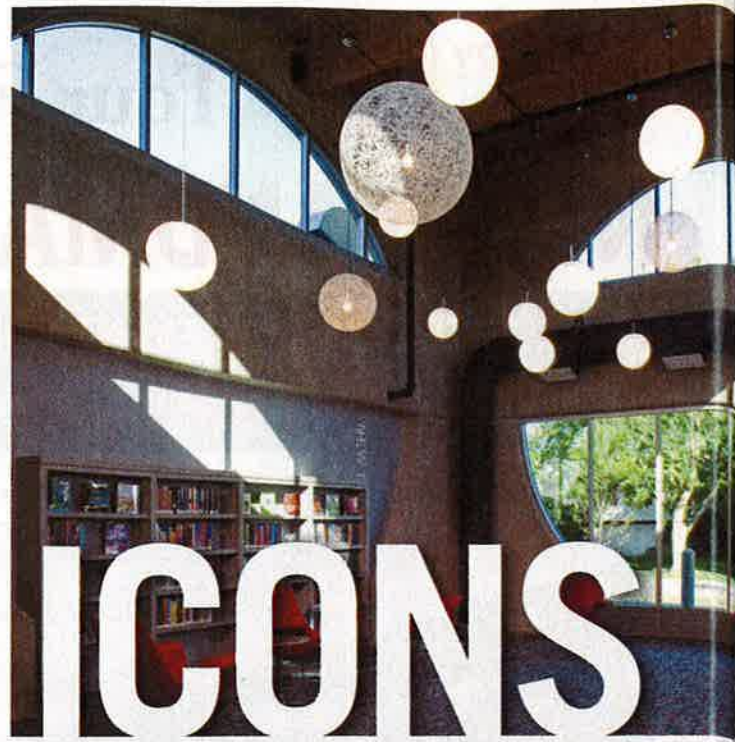
Library Journal is proud to present its inaugural list of New Landmark Libraries. These ten public libraries, plus ten Honorable Mentions, will inspire and inform any building project

At *LJ*, after years of covering new library construction and renovations and exploring innovations in design, we realized that librarians could use a master list of the best libraries to study, in person or virtually, for models and insight into coming trends. There are, of course, the libraries that anyone diving into library design will discover right away—reinventions in Seattle and Minneapolis by Rem Koolhaas and Cesar Pelli, respectively; smaller, highly touted projects such as Darien Library, CT, and so many more; and traditional motherships such as New York Public Library's main. *LJ* wanted to help librarians discover relatively unknown gems that raise the bar as they respond to trends in green design and shifts in service models. These would be the New Landmark Libraries.

To find them, project coordinator Louise Schaper, retired executive director of Fayetteville Public Library, AR, pulled together a panel of 16 judges—most librarians, a few architects—to develop criteria and select the first group of New Landmark Libraries, focusing on public libraries opened in the last six years. (*LJ* plans to name academic New Landmark Libraries next year.)

From a national pool of nominations, the judges chose ten New Landmark Libraries and ten Honorable Mentions. That puts 20 libraries across the country on an itinerary for a virtual or real trek that will fill your notebook with great ideas to adapt as you plan your library of the future.

Preview the winners and Honorable Mentions here, and then dig into them in the *Library by Design* supplement that comes with this issue of *LJ* or online at www.libraryjournal.com/nll. Enjoy, and tell us what you think!



Explore the New Landmark Libraries in *LJ's Library by Design* Spring 2011

Published with this issue of *LJ*, the latest *Library by Design* features total coverage of New Landmark Libraries, complete with full-page profiles of each of the ten winning public libraries and spotlights of the ten Honorable Mentions, as well as trends analysis, and, of course, more photos!

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WOW AFTER WOW The New Landmark Libraries pack a lot of aesthetic punch into their green designs. Clockwise from top left: Poplar Creek PL's renovation and expansion turned a concrete eyesore into a thing of beauty and a focal point of community pride; the Cesar Chavez Branch of Phoenix PL created a cool oasis on the bank of a human-made lake, capturing water runoff, the right kind of daylight, and patrons' imaginations; Durango PL's new building takes its narrow site very seriously, opening up to some of the best views this mountain town has to offer; and at Palo Verde Library/ Maryvale Community Center, glass ties everyone together, fostering safety and continuity between the mind/body sports of the two institutions

2011 Winners

1 Poplar Creek Public Library Streamwood, Illinois. **Architect:** Frye Gillan Molinaro

2 Palo Verde Library/Maryvale Community Center Phoenix Public Library, Arizona. **Architect:** Gould Evans Associates + Wendell Burnette Architects

3 Cesar Chavez Branch Library* Phoenix Public Library, Laveen, Arizona. **Architect:** Line and Space, LLC

4 Hamilton Mill Branch Library* Gwinnett County Library System, Dacula, Georgia. **Architect:** Precision Planning, Inc.

5 Durango Public Library* Colorado. **Architect:** Barker Rinker Seacat

6 Sammamish Library King County Library System, Sammamish, Washington. **Architect:** Perkins + Will

7 Appaloosa Branch Library Scottsdale Public Library, Arizona. **Architect:** DWL Architects and Planners Inc.

8 Agave Library Phoenix Public Library, Glendale, Arizona. **Architect:** will bruder PARTNERS

9 Roseville Library Ramsey County Public Library, Roseville, Minnesota. **Architect:** Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Ltd.

10 Anythink Wright Farms Rangeview Library District, Thornton, Colorado. **Architect:** Humphries Poli Architects

*A three-way tie was broken by scores on Overall Design and Construction Excellence

Honorable Mentions

Anacostia Library District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, DC. **Architect:** The Freelon Group Architects

Eastern Avenue Branch Library Davenport Public Library, Iowa. **Architect:** Engberg Anderson

Kilton Public Library West Lebanon, New Hampshire. **Architect:** Tappé Associates

Library! at Cole & Ustick Boise, Idaho. **Architect:** Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Inc.

Maple Grove Library Hennepin County Library, Maple Grove, Minnesota. **Architect:** Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.

Mission Bay Branch Library San Francisco Public Library, California. **Architect:** Santos Prescott and Associates

Plainsboro Public Library New Jersey. **Architect:** BSK Architects

Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library San Francisco Public Library, California. **Architect:** San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture

Westhampton Free Library Westhampton Beach, New York. **Architect:** Ward Associates, PC

White Tank Branch Library and Nature Center Maricopa County Library District, Waddell, Arizona. **Architect:** DWL Architects and Planners, Inc.

NEW LANDMARK LIBRARIES

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A WHOLE NEW SENSE OF PLACE The New Landmark Libraries help patrons feel deeply at home even as they excite the imagination. From top: At Hamilton Mill Branch Library in Georgia, an emphasis on art and nature overlaps in a series of glass panels that highlight natural elements, or convey poetry that lifts the spirit; King County's Sammamish Library is literally the hearth of a new community outside Seattle, with the warm glow of the central fireplace anchoring expansive glass walls that make the most of daylighting and views; and Colorado's Anythink Wright Farms brings the natural world inside to create a wonderland for children and adults alike and foster a key link to the environment





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ILLUMINATING VIEWS The New Landmark Libraries offer fresh perspective on what a library can be. From top: The Roseville Library, in the Twin Cities, is a renovation and expansion that kept its footprint down with a second level but its attitude big with a marketplace atmosphere that hums with activity, smart colors, and plenty of technology; Appaloosa Branch Library in Scottsdale, AZ, embraces the desert beauty as it turns a dirt parking lot into a community hub that includes a “newsroom” for adults, club space for teens, and interactive children’s displays; and Phoenix’s Agave Library takes its patrons into new frontiers, transforming an impossible site into a place of endless possibility, with a wide open floor plan, links to the outdoors through a series of gardens, and a false front that is both a bold design statement and a loud “we’re open” sign

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Library | Washington, DC
Group Architects

...es, the Anacostia branch replaces the open floor plan, with few full walls, public space. One of a series of new DC features solar hot water, raised floors, a ... runoff. Most of all, though, it brings a vision to the neighborhood.



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...g at least Silver certification, is the status that seriously. Carefully building also has special parking for neighborhoods through new bike and geothermal HVAC system keeps ... share the sustainability message.



Kilton Public Library

West Lebanon, New Hampshire

2010 | Architect: Tappé Associates

A candidate for LEED Gold, the Kilton Public Library is also poised to be an economic driver given its Main Street location on an abandoned used car lot and its flexible, stunning interiors that blend New England sensibility and warmth with a clean, modern ethic. The radiant floor slab is sure to please story hour patrons while a front door/back door approach highlights the best of small-town living. This library, paid for with private donations, also sports a biomass boiler that takes advantage of a waste product such as wood pellets to generate heat.



Library! at Cole & Ustick

Boise, Idaho | 2009 | Architect: Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Inc.

Boise's Library! at Cole & Ustick is a revitalizing force in a downtrodden retail center, now named "Library Plaza." The LEED Gold building, with 50 percent of its space devoted to youth, is a testament to the power of libraries to transform lives and businesses—and not just because it uses old blue jeans as insulation. It has transformed its location into an oasis in more than once sense—including a natural one, with landscaping that turned a parking lot into a terrain with fine views from inside and out.

Maple Grove Library

Hennepin County Library | Maple Grove, Minnesota

2010 | Architect: Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.

The long winter must feel a lot shorter in the dynamic and surprising spaces in this branch built for one of the fastest growing Minnesota communities—with over one million checkouts in 2009. Hennepin County's Maple Grove branch packs in a 350-space parking ramp, a green roof with plantings, a gravel pit-based geothermal heating and cooling system, the flexibility of raised flooring for shifting service needs, mobile display units and interactive panels for children, and a hip computer bar for teens. More wow comes from invigorating colors against stark white walls softened by warm wood tones from rift-cut oak furnishings and millwork that echo the region's

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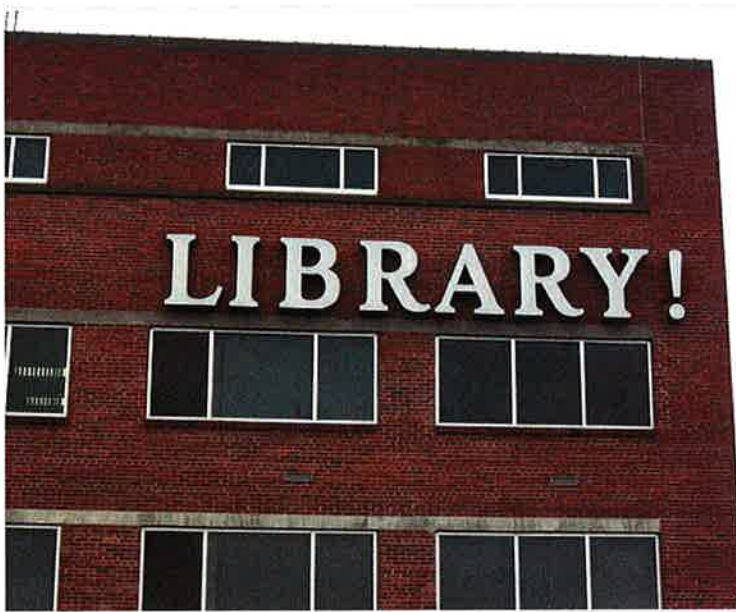
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Something's Got to Give at Boise's Main Library

Fix, renovate or build a new facility?

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Boise loves its main public library. More than 80,000 patrons walked through the doors in March and system-wide visits topped 130,000. That's 36 percent more people walking into the Capitol Boulevard repository than in March 2010. Visitors checked out more than 135,000 titles and quizzed librarians at the adult and youth reference desks more than 10,000 times.

"The numbers just haven't leveled off yet," said Kevin Booe, Boise Library director. "The main library continues to show more and more growth."

But Boiseans may be loving their main library a bit too much. Major repairs and maintenance are due, expected to total \$2.6 million over the next four to five years. And patrons are finding less elbow room. The Boise public library system, including all branches, provides .42 square feet per Boise citizen, less than half the industry standard. Booe laid all of the latest statistics on the table recently when he briefed his library's commission and Boise City Council members.

"My question was direct," said Booe. "How much were they willing to invest in this existing structure, or do they want to do something different?"

Chapter One: A Design for a Population of 75,000

Boise's earliest public library can be traced to an 1895 free reading room in Boise City Hall. The city's first official public library opened its doors at 815 W. Washington St. in June 1905. By the 1970s, city leaders decided to spend \$2.6 million to purchase and renovate the old Salt Lake Hardware Warehouse into a new library at its current site, 715 S. Capitol Blvd. The original design of the library targeted a Boise population of only 75,000. In 2010, Boise's population topped 205,000. An additional \$2 million was invested to expand the library up to a third floor--the building has an unoccupied fourth floor. The current layout includes 78,000 gross square feet with 52,000 used for library space.

Boise expanded its library network in 2007 to include three new neighborhood branches (Collister, Hillcrest, and Cole and Ustick). A fourth is planned at Bown Crossing in Southeast Boise. But attendance at the main branch has continued to grow, topping 1.3 million in-person visits during fiscal year 2010.

Chapter Two: Growing Pains

In 2000, a consultant presented three options to BPL trustees and Boise City Council members:

1. *Approximately \$40 million: build a new 185,000-square-foot facility to accommodate needs for the next 25 to 50 years.*
2. *Approximately \$21.8 million: expand the current building toward Capitol Boulevard or the Boise River. However, Booe said the option "didn't really accommodate our needs out to 50 years."*
3. *Approximately \$3 million: as a short-term solution, remodel the existing facility, opening the fourth floor to patrons.*

New construction was the adopted recommendation but a looming recession kept the concept on a shelf. In 2010, the idea for a new main library resurfaced, but by then, the projected construction cost had ballooned to \$118 million. In March, Booe sat down with his BPL commission and Boise City Council members in an effort to jumpstart the conversation. In his proposed 2012 budget, Booe will ask for \$70,000 to once more pay a consultant for an updated study.

"This is a huge endeavor," said Booe. "It could easily turn into the largest public project in Idaho. It needs serious consideration with professionals behind it."

Booe acknowledged that garnering support from public officials is only part of the solution.

"In terms of getting something like this finished? I'm convinced it needs a private-sector champion," said Booe.

Chapter Three: To Invest and Reinvest

Boise developer Mark Rivers said he always wanted Boise to have "something in the fire." For him, that included his BODO project, a mere three blocks from the main library.

"I've got about 20 good years left in me, and I want some pretty darn cool things to happen in those 20 years," said Rivers. "I just don't want to sit around and see the same damn city in 20 years that I'm seeing today."

Rivers sees Eighth Street as "the spinal cord" of Boise, running through downtown, across Front Street into BODO and toward the Boise River.

"But that lower spinal cord, where the library sits, is dysfunctional," said Rivers. "Why couldn't we, in our lifetime, fulfill a grand dream?"



Rivers said his dream is the same as many others: a new main library to help anchor the Eighth Street corridor.

"I did a calculation once. The four city blocks down there contribute only about \$55,000 in property taxes. It's a silly number. It's like nothing. To me, what the public sector should be doing is finding a way to jump-start some new activity down there," Rivers said, pointing in the library's direction. "A great main public library could bookend an excellent corridor for business and the arts."






While Rivers and Boise Mayor Dave Bieter don't agree on everything, their hopes for a new library echo one another.



"Libraries represent the sum of our community's knowledge," said Bieter. "We need to build a new main library to make good on our belief that our future success relies on learning."

As for the financial slap in the face of a nine-figure price tag to build a new main branch, both Bieter and Rivers say it's time to swing for the fences.

"The cost of this endeavor is certainly significant," said Bieter. "But the cost of not doing it is far greater."

Rivers added, "We've had study groups in the past tell us that we may not be able to afford it and maybe we can't. But not too long ago, we thought we couldn't afford to protect the Foothills. As a community, you need to dream, to prioritize, to invest and now reinvest."

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So what's the intent here? Does this mean Mark Rivers is willing to invest in leading an effort to preserve public land and develop a new library right where it is? Or is he licking his chops hoping that the land will be sold in the name of property tax revenue?

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The city has already obligated library owned land to a private company for the immediate future through a lease. Even if Rivers had cash in his pocket and built condos that included a library there would be no tax revenue to the city whatsoever because any taxes would go to CCDC, the urban renewal agency.

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Please join me in welcoming Jason Kovari to the Cornell University Library. Jason

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Are interested in serving on the CUL-wide Newspaper Policy Committee? I am chairing this

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Beth Anderson, eagle-eyed member of the Cornell University Library Advisory Council, sent me

Changes in the newspaper processing operation at Olin/Uris and consolidation of the Maps and Media des

05/09/2011 - 13:38

Just wanted to let you know about some operational and personnel changes in the Maps and

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Upcoming meetings

RDA (Resource Description and Access) webinar with Karen Coyle, May 18, 2:00-3:30 pm, 106G Olin Library

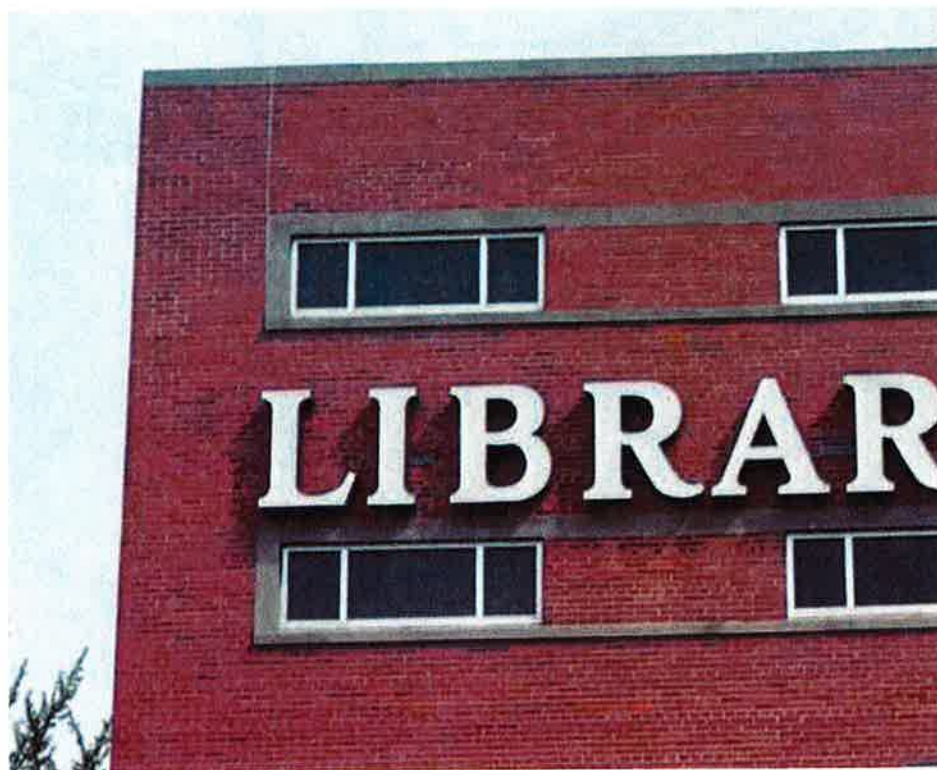
The RDA Training Committee invites you to attend the second in a series of three ALA-

Selector Continuing Education session on POOF! May 23, 9:30-11 am, 106 Olin Library

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Submitted by mre2 on Mon, 05/09/2011 - 16:03 [Take One](#) [Take One](#)

Beth Anderson, eagle-eyed member of the Cornell University Library Advisory Council, sent me this photo over the weekend from the public library in Boise, Idaho. Not only is Boise proclaiming enthusiasm for its library, but could this be the first sighting of the noun being used as a verb? Nouns that become verbs typically reflect new trends or changing roles—witness “to google,” “to skype,” “to archive.” So I “googled” Boise Public Library and indeed the library has been reconceived as a social center where other community service are also located. The Mission and Vision Statement includes the “community’s preferred future for Boise Public Library,” that assigns to the library the role of assisting “community members in educating themselves and enhancing their personal, business, and social well-being through the use of our libraries.” BPL aspires to be “a high-profile one-stop shop for all community information needs.” I may not be ready “to library” my information needs, but I believe BPL is creating its future as a fundamental community service, as vital as police, fire protection, and social services.



Have a healthy and productive week,

Anne

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