

2009 AIA/ALA Library Building Awards

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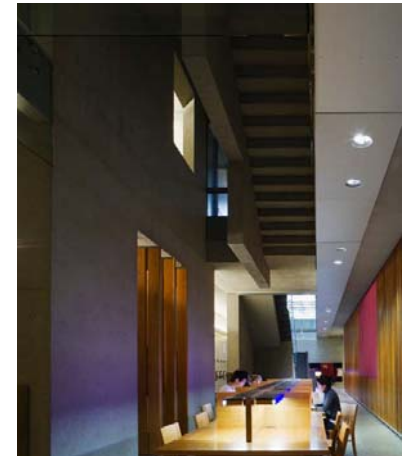
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Project Minneapolis Central Library
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Design Architect Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects
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Architect of Record Architectural Alliance

Owner Hennepin County Library

Notes of Interest

The library occupies a site between two of the city's most active thoroughfares, Nicollet Mall and Hennepin Avenue. Two simple rectangular volumes, one aligned with each avenue, are separated by an enclosed public space, the Library Commons. The Commons is topped by a metal "wing" that appears to hover above the space, extending beyond the building at both ends. The library's design includes many sustainable elements.

Jury Comments

The atrium is a terrific urban design contribution connecting two main streets, as well as connecting the entertainment district and the commercial district; it also provides a clear understanding of how the library is organized.

The use of interior elements such as sculpture, color, and materials to provide branding distinguishes individual floors.



Additional Credits

Engineer: Thornton-Tomasetti

General Contractor: Morteson/Thor

Landscape Architect: Coen + Partners

Library Consultant: Michaels Associates Design Consultants

Library Director: Lois Langer Thompson

