



EXCELLENCE IN INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT



District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) Southwest Library

900 Wesley Place, SW | Washington, DC 20024

The new DC Southwest Library brings a sustainable and unique design to replace the previous outdated library. The library provides state-of-the-art technology in a space for gathering, training, and education. The new library is also the first District library to achieve LEED Platinum Certification for environmental design, integrating energy and water conservation strategies and environmentally responsive materials sourced regionally. The design-build team engaged the community at many levels to obtain critical feedback that informed and inspired the design solution, including covered reading terraces overlooking the park. The project includes an innovation lab with 3D printers, rows of computers divided by zones, children's areas with interactive activity zones and glazed enclosed meeting rooms of different sizes. The Library is illustrative of pride in community, pride in the past, and is an iconic development that will be enjoyed and used by generations to come.

PROJECT TEAM

Developer or Owner
DC Public Library

Architect
Perkins+Will

Construction Contractor
Turner Construction

Public Financing
District of Columbia Mayor's Office

Additional Key Team Members
James Steinkamp Photography;
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