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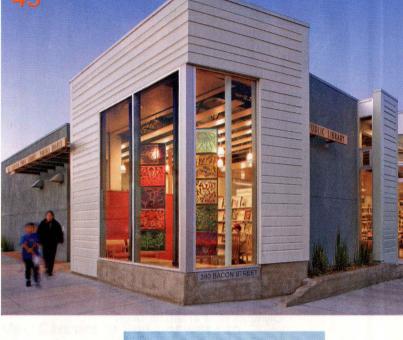
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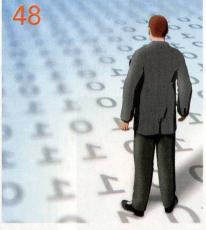
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With very little time you can build your skills, improve your performance, and enhance your opportunities

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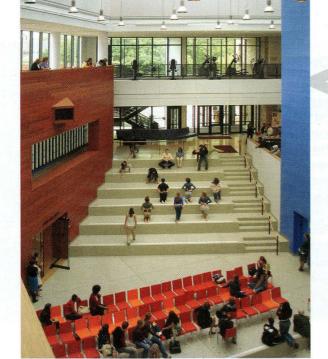




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2010 LIBRARY DESIGN SHOWCASE

Fresh ideas, green construction grace community anchors



GOUCHER COLLEGE ATHENAEUM, BALTIMORE

The Hyman Forum within the Goucher College Athenaeum was modeled after the amphitheaters of Europe, providing a wide-open space whose character can shift depending on what happens to be going on there at any particular time. The building is open 24 hours a day and, in addition to the library and forum, features a café, art gallery, community service center, and spaces for exercise, conversation, and relaxation.

New Construction Architect: RMJM rmjm.com

Size: 103,000 sq. ft. Cost: \$47.5 million

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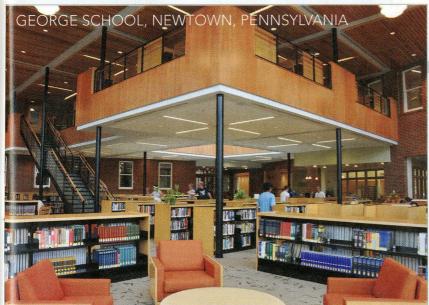
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The Portola branch's open-book motif is represented in sunshades along the building's southern wall that modulate light and reduce heat gain. The shape is echoed in an art installation of revolving stained-glass panels by artist Dana Zed placed in the front windows, while skylights provide additional natural light.

New Construction Stoner Meek/Noll and Tam smarchitecture.com/nollandtam.com Size: 6,427 sq. ft.

Cost: \$6.2 million Photo: David Wakely





A balcony, designed as a quiet study area, surrounds the skylight in the Mollie Dodd Anderson Library. Designed to be consistent with the simple Quaker aesthetic of its community, the library also anticipates earning LEED Gold certification, with features that include a vegetative roof, geothermal heating and cooling, and rain gardens.

New Construction Architect: Bowie Gridley bowie-gridley.com Size: 26,400 sq. ft. Cost: \$12.5 million

Photo: William Tenenbaum