We offer national expertise in the design of public and academic library environments.

Our professionals have served on ALA committees and expert design panels; presented at local, state, and national conferences; and contributed to a variety of library publications. We have enjoyed many successful relationships with communities and academic institutions who involve us in expanding library programs.

We help libraries go beyond traditional services and widen their perspective to include all aspects of the user experience. We incorporate strategies that allow libraries to meet their patrons’ evolving needs and expectations.
“The design team created a space where people can relax, learn and create. As the world has changed, our library has been well equipped to continue to provide excellent service to our community thanks to the wonderful building created by Dewberry.”

Dave Ewick
City Librarian
Southfield, MI
Our concepts are driven by programmatic needs, operational and user relationships, and the dynamics of the user experience. Our needs-based design approach is collaborative and inclusive, involving library staff, user groups, and the community. This process helps define opportunities and challenges—leading to specialized program areas for children, teens, and adults.

What we’ve learned from designing over 220 libraries

**It’s about community**

- Libraries reflect a community’s ideals
- Community spaces in libraries are becoming more important—for gatherings and events
- Libraries are becoming “download central”
- Achieving consensus requires facilitators who bring vision and experience to the process

**Technology is driving change**

- Evolving technologies are forcing rapid change in library products and services
- Innovative libraries are reaching out to meet increasingly mobile patrons
- “Marketing,” “merchandising,” and “connectivity” are all aspects of the mission
Dewberry® Services

- Library planning and design
- Master planning/needs assessment
- Facilities program development
- Library interior design
- Specialty interiors
- Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing design
- Structural engineering
- Sustainable design, LEED®-certification
- Landscape architecture
- Fire protection engineering
- Library site, wayfinding, and collection signage
- Security/technology design
- Construction administration and inspection
- Sustainable return on investment
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