



# Library Buildings

# 2016

This year's annual round-up features seven new or expanded libraries in communities ranging from west suburban Addison, Allerton and Williamsville in central Illinois, northwest suburban Cary, our cover library DeKalb, to downstate O'Fallon, and the University of Illinois at Chicago Library of the Health Sciences. All made great use of architectural design and planning in creating new spaces — and new services — for their users.

# Addison Public Library



Architect:	Williams Architects
Type of project:	Renovation
Total cost:	\$2 million
Service population:	36,942
Library director:	Mary Medjo Me Zengue

## What people are saying:

"Before the construction, both the teens and the parents had to be smooshed together in one place, and now thanks to the construction, not only do we have our own place but us teens can now hang out with our friends in our environment."

"It makes me feel like my home away from home. If I'm feeling upset, I can go here and it makes me happy."

"Can I move in here?"

Photo Credit: Ron Langstaff





# Allerton Public Library District



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Architect: apaceDesign Architects + Engineers

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Type of project: New construction  
(12,350 square feet)

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Total cost: \$2.43 million

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Service population: 5,906

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Library director: Lisa Winters

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## What people are saying:

"Wow, this is nice. The windows and the lighting. I can actually see the titles on the spine of the books."

Photo Credit: apaceDesign Architects + Engineers





# Cary Area Public Library



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Architect: Engberg Anderson Architects,  
Milwaukee & Chicago

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Type of project: Renovation

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Total cost: \$2.6 million

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Service population: 28,245

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Library director: Diane McNulty

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## What people are saying:

“It is great that libraries are adapting to the needs of the community. The expanded early literacy space is bright and inviting, and there are study rooms and collaboration spaces where we can concentrate on our work.”







# DeKalb Public Library



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Architect: Nagle Hartray Architecture, Ltd.

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Type of project: Renovation/Expansion

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Total cost: \$25.5 million

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Service population: 44,030

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Library director: Dee Coover

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## What people are saying:

"This expansion compliments the art deco design of the original building and provides full accessibility. It supports current and future technological advances."

"The extension is an entwinement of history of modernity, mirroring the old and adding a touch of new, coming together to form one big, beautiful building."

"The children's department is amazing!"

Photo Credits: Mark Ballogg





# O'Fallon Public Library



Architect: Andersson Architecture + Design

Type of project: Renovation

Total cost: \$1.2 million

Service population: 28,396

Library director: Molly Scanlan

## What people are saying:

"The public has had only positive things to say about the 'new' library. Although no space was added, better use of the space makes the library appear bigger. Now the library is busier than ever and able to offer truly unique programming that is bringing in more patrons."

"Zoning the library for noise and closing off the mezzanine open area with a glass wall has made a world of difference. Now patrons can choose a spot that meets their conversation and concentration level."

Photo Credits: Amy Jones





# University of Illinois at Chicago, Library of the Health Sciences



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Architect: **RATIO LLC**

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Type of project: **Renovation**

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Total cost: **\$5.2 million**

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Service population: **29,000 students,  
15,000 faculty/staff**

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Library directors: **Mary M. Case, UIC  
Kathryn Carpenter, UIC LHS**

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## What people are saying:

“The end goal was to meet the needs of the entire spectrum of students, of burgeoning health professionals, and established health professionals. We’ve tried to create a space for each of the activities that our studies have shown us that people need.”

“They (students) wanted more study areas, longer hours and a café. Medical school students’ schedules are so crazy that they need those longer hours, and they have needs that undergraduates don’t have.”

“UIC has created a place where ideas and conversations can form organically while waiting for coffee, a place where students at neighboring tables from different colleges can overhear each other studying the same information and decide to work together and teach each other.”

Photo Credit: Vibhu S. Rangavasan, UIC News





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# Williamsville Public Library and Museum



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Architect: apaceDesign Architects  
+ Engineers

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Type of project: New construction

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Total cost: \$1.6 million  
(7,886 square feet)

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Service population: 1,476

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Library director: Jean Forness

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## What people are saying:

"I have watched this beautiful building being constructed from the ground up. I hope all that come through the doors will appreciate the time, love, and work that has gone into a place where people can learn of Williamsville's past from items that have been preserved and shared by those who have lived here. The library will be a source of learning, books to take you places you have never been and simply enjoy the cozy environment."

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