



*Library Journal* is proud to present its inaugural list of New Landmark Libraries. These ten public libraries, plus ten Honorable Mentions, will inspire and inform any building project.

At *LJ*, after years of covering new library construction and renovations and exploring innovations in design, we realized that librarians could use a master list of the best libraries to study, in person or virtually, for models and insight into coming trends. There are, of course, the libraries that anyone diving into library design will discover right away—reinventions in Seattle and Minneapolis by Rem Koolhaas and Cesar Pelli, respectively; smaller, highly touted projects such as Darien Library, CT, and so many more; and traditional motherships such as New York Public Library's main. *LJ* wanted to help librarians discover relatively unknown gems that raise the bar as they respond to trends in green design and shifts in service models. These would be the New Landmark Libraries.

To find them, project coordinator Louise Schaper, retired executive director of Fayetteville Public Library, AR, now with her own consulting practice, pulled together a panel of 16 judges—most librarians, a few architects—to develop criteria and select the first group of New Landmark Libraries, focusing on public libraries opened in the last six years. (*LJ* plans to name academic New Landmark Libraries next year.)

From a national pool of nominations, the judges chose ten New Landmark Libraries and ten Honorable Mentions. That puts 20 libraries across the country on an itinerary for a virtual or real trek that will fill your notebook with great ideas to adapt as you plan your library of the future.

Enjoy, and tell us what you think! And, join Schaper in a free webcast, "Tour of Four of the New Landmark Libraries," on June 8; [www.libraryjournal.com/-tourlandmarks](http://www.libraryjournal.com/-tourlandmarks).

## **NEW LANDMARK LIBRARIES**

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#### **The Ten New Landmark Libraries**

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# 2011 Winners

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## The Top 10

- 1 Poplar Creek Public Library** Streamwood, Illinois. **Architect:** Frye Gillan Molinaro
- 2 Palo Verde Library/Maryvale Community Center** Phoenix Public Library, Arizona. **Architect:** Gould Evans Associates + Wendell Burnette Architects
- 3 Cesar Chavez Branch Library\*** Phoenix Public Library, Laveen, Arizona. **Architect:** Line and Space, LLC
- 4 Hamilton Mill Branch Library\*** Gwinnett County Library System, Dacula, Georgia. **Architect:** Precision Planning, Inc.
- 5 Durango Public Library\*** Colorado. **Architect:** Barker Rinker Seacat
- 6 Sammamish Library** King County Library System, Sammamish, Washington. **Architect:** Perkins + Will
- 7 Appaloosa Branch Library** Scottsdale Public Library, Arizona. **Architect:** DWL Architects and Planners Inc.
- 8 Agave Library** Phoenix Public Library, Glendale, Arizona. **Architect:** will bruder PARTNERS
- 9 Roseville Library** Ramsey County Public Library, Roseville, Minnesota. **Architect:** Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Ltd.
- 10 Anythink Wright Farms Rangeview Library District** Thornton, Colorado. **Architect:** Humphries Poli Architects

## Honorable Mentions

- Anacostia Library** District of Columbia Public Library, Washington, DC. **Architect:** The Freelon Group Architects
- Eastern Avenue Branch Library** Davenport Public Library, Iowa. **Architect:** Engberg Anderson
- Kilton Public Library** West Lebanon, New Hampshire. **Architect:** Tappé Associates
- Library! at Cole & Ustick** Boise, Idaho. **Architect:** Fletcher Farr Ayotte, Inc.
- Maple Grove Library** Hennepin County Library, Maple Grove, Minnesota. **Architect:** Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.
- Mission Bay Branch Library** San Francisco Public Library, California. **Architect:** Santos Prescott and Associates
- Plainsboro Public Library** New Jersey. **Architect:** BKSK Architects
- Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch Library** San Francisco Public Library, California. **Architect:** San Francisco Department of Public Works Bureau of Architecture
- Westhampton Free Library** Westhampton Beach, New York. **Architect:** Ward Associates, PC
- White Tank Branch Library and Nature Center** Maricopa County Library District, Waddell, Arizona. **Architect:** DWL Architects and Planners, Inc.

\*A three-way tie was broken by scores on Overall Design and Construction Excellence