

What's New? Serving Readers With Library Building Projects

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Greely Branch (new construction)



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Alta Vista Branch (renovation)



Imagination



Virginia Madon peers through words from the 1827 diary of John Burrows printed on glass panels at the new archives.

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Specific elements



Corporate
Shelving Solutions



Brodart \$1,467



KI \$1212



Brodart \$822



Other ideas



Highsmith



Worden

Library Journal's Gold Book

Words of wisdom from Ottawa Public Library managers and staff



Design and readers' advisory

- People are “extraordinarily responsive to and articulate about their surroundings.”
- People \longleftrightarrow Environment
- People \longleftrightarrow Environment \longleftrightarrow People
- What can we conclude from this, given the variety of people we serve?

Source: Lawson, Bryan. "Healing Architecture: For a long time, we have supposed that good design will improve patient well-being. Now we have figures to prove it. Bryan Lawson reports on how patient treatment and behaviour improved with new architecture. (Theory)." *The Architectural Review* 211.1261 (2002): 72+. *Academic OneFile*. Web. 4 July 2011.

Design and readers' advisory

- Variety of people = variety of spaces and options
- Integrate technology everywhere
- Consider traffic flow and touchpoints
- Optimize spaces between spaces¹

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