



# Lakefront Library

The Future Belongs to Everyone!



# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 23-29, 2023

*There's More to the Story.*

- Early Learning
- Experiential Learning
- Research
- STEM
- Health Education
- Classes
- Events
- Materials
- Makerspace
- Adult Literacy
- External Diploma
- Art Education
- Homework Help
- Authors & Speakers
- DIY Tools
- Enchanted Garden
- Literacy Kitchen
- Language Learning

*...and more!*



# Dokk1

## Aarhus, Denmark

- 2016 World's Best Public Library, IFLA (International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions)
- Completed 2015
- 383,195 square feet
- Population: 285,273 (2022)
- Situated at the mouth of the Aarhus River on one of the most prominent sites of the city center
- 1 Million+ visitors within 7 months
- “This shows us that we’ve been starving part of the population because we’ve been so focused on books and literature as knowledge formats...there has been an unmet need in society that’s now being addressed.” – Marie Østergård, Dokk1





# Dokk1

So good, Denmark put it on a stamp!



# Fayetteville Public Library Arkansas

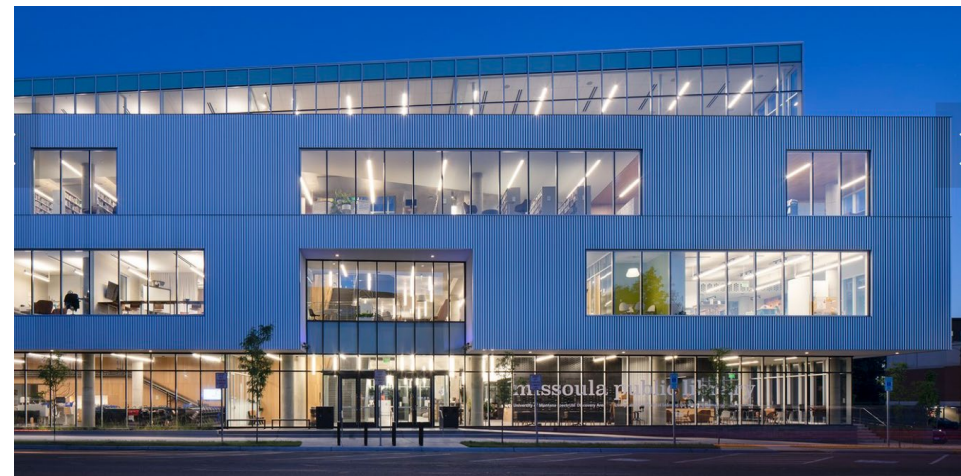
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- 190,000 sq. ft.
- New 100,000 sq ft addition (2020)
- Population: 95,230 (2021)
- “This community loves its library, and that is most genuinely expressed in their willingness to continue to invest in its future.” — David Johnson, Director, Fayetteville Public Library
- “If you are going to have a world class city, you have to have a world class library. And we’ve got a world class library.” – Mayor Lioneld Jordan



# Missoula Public Library Montana

- 2022 IFLA Public Library of the Year
- 106,000 sq ft
- Population: 74,822 (2022)
- Situated downtown near the river with a mountain backdrop
- Children's area and lounge
- STEM discovery area
- Teaching kitchen
- Flexible meeting room and gathering space
- Makerspace
- Full-service café



# Our community says its library...

- Is a foundational part of our community
- Is a place for young mothers to bring toddlers, students to do homework, remote workers to hold meetings, and children to read
- Is a space for community to engage in literature, meet others, explore and discover
- Brings us together to have conversations that help us better understand one another
- Supports a rich literate community, educates all ages, provides social opportunities, resources not found at home
- Provides resources that serve a wide variety of individuals
- Offers education and information that challenges and deepens my points of view
- Actively and passively generates a well-informed community

\*94% of survey respondents use the library at a physical branch



# HCLS Central Branch

- Demand exists, space does not
  - Highest number of classes and highest attendance for children ages 0-11 and young people ages 12-18
  - 3 small rooms for instruction, engagement,
    - The meeting room triples as a classroom for youth and adults, as well as an event space
    - The children's classroom and youth classroom are insufficient to meet current demand and anticipated future demand



# HCLS Central Branch

- No early learning interactive environment
- No auditorium or large class/event space
- No teen space
- No makerspace
- No literacy kitchen
- No connection with the outdoor environment



# Early Learning

- Need

- Only 54% of Howard County students test ready for kindergarten
- Children entering kindergarten with elementary math and reading skills are the most likely to do well in school later, even if they have various social and emotional problems. We know that play-based, as opposed to drill-and-practice curricula designed with children's developmental needs in mind can foster academic and attention skills in ways that are engaging and fun

- American Psychological Association, 2007

- Barrier

- Lack of physical space
- It's now common for big-ticket library projects by acclaimed architects to showcase elaborate early childhood spaces

- Bloomberg, 2022

- Opportunity

- Champion investment in early childhood and the capabilities of young children
- Offer the critical space needed for early learning exploration, classes, and developmentally appropriate books, toys, instruction and activities
- Begin at birth
- Inspire a passion for discovery in every child
- Enhance school readiness for all



Baltimore County



North Carolina

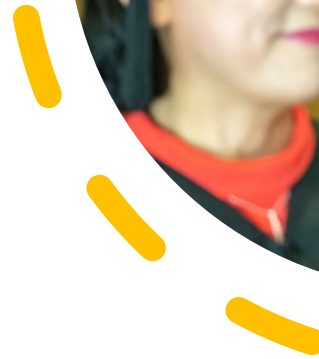
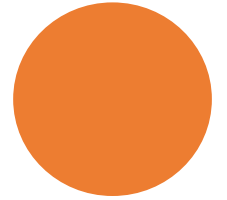


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# Project Literacy

- Need
  - Nearly 12,000 Howard County adults 25+ are without a high school diploma
  - Howard County Workforce Development Area 2020-2024 Local Plan highlights the tremendous challenges facing those without English proficiency when trying to enter the job market
  - Adult education programs are crucial to alleviating the widening education gap and helping all Americans achieve economic and social mobility
    - U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Barrier
  - Lack of physical space
- Opportunity
  - Deliver a stronger economy and community by investing in adult learners
  - Reduce wait lists
  - Increase English proficiency
  - Provide much-needed space for early learning exploration, instruction, and developmentally appropriate books, toys, instruction and activities
  - Begin at birth
  - Serve as a resource for parents and caregivers
  - Enhance school readiness for all



# Literacy Kitchens

- Need
  - Pew Research Center's *report Libraries at the Crossroads* found that 73% of people 16 and over say libraries contribute to people finding the health information they need
- Barrier
  - Lack of physical space
- Opportunity
  - Advance multiple literacies through cooking
  - Increase knowledge and grow interest in food literacy and nutrition
  - Instruct on reading, math, and science concepts through cooking
  - Enhance awareness of environmentally sustainable eating
  - Serve as a resource for community
  - Connect community through food education



Edmonton, Canada



Carroll County, MD



# Makerspace

- **Need**
  - Makerspaces foster innovation, inspire and empower people to make, create, learn and share new skills, develop prototypes, business models, and inspire next-generation STEM leaders
- **Barrier**
  - Lack of physical space
- **Opportunity**
  - Invest in innovation by providing the space an to design, engineer, fabricate and learn
  - Inspire an interest in science, technology, design, math and 21st century skills
  - Support all skill levels and learning styles
  - Enhance STE(A)M skills
  - Encourage learning through direct experimentation



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