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IIDA ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF ALA/IIDA LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS

CHICAGO, IL — The International Interior Design Association and the American Library Association are pleased to announce the winners of the 2016 Library Interior Design Awards. These biennial awards recognize achievement in library interior design aesthetics, creativity, and function.

“The entries that we received for this biennial competition clearly speak to the evolving needs of 21st-century library patrons,” **IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA**, LEED AP, said. “They illustrate that library spaces can inspire while still offering the technology, services, and programming that patrons have come to rely on. With our partners at ALA, we are pleased to honor and celebrate this year’s winners.”

Projects were judged by a panel of distinguished professionals, including **Christy S. Cain, IIDA**, RID, LEED AP BD+C, Principal, idea|span; **Stasia Czech Suleiman, IIDA**, NCIDQ, Vice President/Senior Project Interior Designer, HOK; **Jessica N. Kayongo, J.D., M.A.**, Sociology Librarian, Hesburgh Libraries, University of Notre Dame; and **Mindy Sorg, IIDA**, NCIDQ, LEED AP, Interior Designer, OPN Architects.

“The submissions to this competition were extremely strong,” said Suleiman on behalf of the jury. “The projects represented a range of design execution—from understated elegance to bold color and whimsical elements—it was clear that the winning firms thoroughly understood their clients and how to cater to the needs and preferences of the populations who would be using the libraries.”

The winners of the 2016 ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Awards are:

Public Libraries, Over 30,000 sq. ft.

Firm: MSR Design, Minneapolis, MN, USA

Project: Madison Central Library, Madison, WI, USA

Public Libraries, 30,000 sq. ft. and smaller

Firm: HCMA Architecture + Design / Dub Architects Ltd., Vancouver, Canada

Project: Mill Woods Library, Seniors’ Centre and Multicultural Facility, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Firm: Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP, Chicago, USA

Project: Chicago Public Library, Chinatown Branch, Chicago, USA

Academic Libraries, Over 30,000 sq. ft.

Firm: Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, USA



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Project: Jen Library, Savannah College of Art and Design, Savannah, GA, USA

Special Libraries, Over 30,000 sq. ft.

Firm: Shepley Bulfinch, Boston, MA, USA

Project: The David M. Rubenstein Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Duke University, Durham, NC, USA

Special Libraries, 30,000 sq. ft. and smaller

Firm: BenGuo Design, Shenzhen, China

Project: Southern Study in Shenzhen Library, Shenzhen, China

Outstanding Historic Renovation Project

Firm: Schwartz/Silver Architects, Boston, MA, USA

Project: Charles E. Shain Library Renovation at Connecticut College, New London, CT, USA

Single Space Design

Firm: SIKORA (INTERIORS) WNĘTRZA, Gdańsk, Poland

Project: STATION CULTURE - TRAIN STATION ADAPTATION, Rumia, Poland

The Best of Competition winner will be announced Sunday, June 26, during the ALA Annual Conference in Orlando, Florida, where all of the competition winners will be celebrated. Images of the winning projects are featured on the [IIDA website](#) and will be published in *Contract* and *American Libraries* magazines.

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The American Library Association (ALA) is the oldest and largest library association in the world, providing association information, news, events, and advocacy resources for members, librarians, and library users. Founded on October 6, 1876 during the Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, the mission of ALA is to provide leadership for the development, promotion, and improvement of library and information services, and the profession of librarianship in order to enhance learning and ensure access to information for all.