

# LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRAM





## RICHLAND COUNTY LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRAM

Multiple Locations Across Richland County, South Carolina

A new main library and 6 new branch libraries were constructed as part of the original building program in 1999. The book capacity at the time was 750,000 books. The project goals were to minimize change orders and operating costs, which were successful. The cost per square foot was \$47.96. The cost of furniture/equipment totaled to \$1,369,260.

Since completing this program, M. B. Kahn continues to assist the Library with its needs. Over 25 years later, we were under contract once again to build more libraries and provide a complete “re-invention” of the existing libraries to meet modern technology and program requirements.

In November 2013, Richland County passed a \$59 million bond referendum to update all library locations by adding and reconfiguring space, technology, and resources to better fit the way customers need and use the library today. The Program includes \$15 million of improvements at the Main Library, which was completed in 2018. The Program also addressed improvements at each of the following locations:

- Main
- Cooper
- North Main
- St. Andrews
- Ballentine
- Southeast
- Blythewood

### Completion date

1991 (original)  
2018 (completion)

### Size

242,000 SF (Main Library)

### M/WDBE Participation

50%

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Multiple Architects











## RICHLAND LIBRARY – MAIN BRANCH RENOVATIONS

1431 Assembly Street, Columbia, South Carolina

The renovation of the Main Library are the flagship of the Library as Studio concept. With each floor having a unique character: Arts and Literature, Media and Technology, Career Advancement and Education and Growth, Main will have a variety of spaces and places to create conditions for the activities and programs that the Richland Library is locally, regionally and nationally known for a community of users to flourish!

The staff elected to conduct renovations in phases so that they would not have to close completely during construction. Garden level renovations included the Children's Room, where staff "floated" throughout the system during construction to different departments, including outreach efforts in the community. Renovations to the Children's Room included an enhanced study area, a messy craft room, a shadow puppet tunnel, a learning studio and a reading nook. There is also a new entrance to the Children's Room that is stroller friendly. Still in place is the beloved mural based on the Maurice Sendak children's book "Where the Wild Things Are."

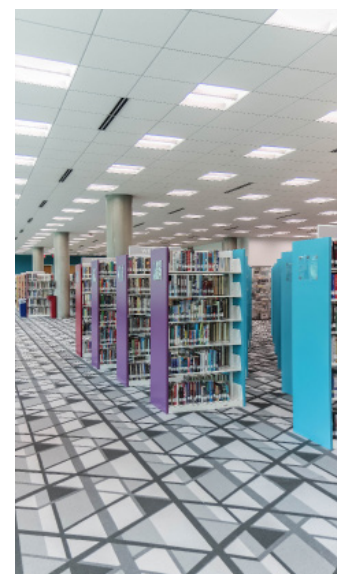
The teen center has been moved to the garden level and the Bostic Auditorium was moved to the first floor. Other first level renovations included new spaces for Film and Sound, a multi-use auditorium, galleries and more. A third level now houses the Business, Careers and Research Center and the second level houses new Studio Spaces.



**Completed**  
Winter 2019

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## COOPER BRANCH LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

5317 North Trenholm Road, Columbia, South Carolina

Cooper, located in the heart of Forest Acres, is characterized by a community of generations of users. It is a place for family and community connections. The expansion of Cooper enables avid readers to browse and read in a beautiful space. Families with young children are able to engage in a museum-like interactive children's play area. Library renovations included a new addition for an interactive children's space, a new entrance as well as cozy spaces for reading and gathering.

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Summer 2017

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## NORTH MAIN LIBRARY

5306 North Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina

This culturally rich community branch received interior renovations and additional space to accommodate their love of performance arts such as drumming and jazz music. The innovative spaces welcomes customers who wish to sew, cook, garden, or start their own business. New features of the library include a Networking Center for customers to take part in professional webinars or virtual interviews, and a recording studio, which includes state-of-the-art editing equipment and software. Other features include a courtyard, which has public art on display from Laurie Brownell McIntosh.



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## ST. ANDREWS LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

2916 Broad River Road, Columbia, South Carolina

St. Andrews a center for artistic and creative innovation, social justice and the celebration of diversity. The creative staff expanded on their successful gardening program to enhance the green spaces outdoors, and engage customers throughout the community. St. Andrews is "the place that teaches". The renovation of the 13,000 square foot facility included an addition for amenities including an outdoor area, teen engagement space, large public meeting room and separate areas for children as well as a new career space.

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## BALLENTINE LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

1200 Dutch Ford Road, Irmo, South Carolina

Located near Lake Murray, Ballentine is a location characterized by learning and playing, with a devoted group of users who enjoy reading, creating and community. The renovated puppet stage enables library customers to play safely while discovering new characters. An additional 23 spaces of parking accommodates the users' parking needs. This 13,000 sq. ft. building is nestled on a seven-acre wooded lot. With a cedar and brick exterior, the new building houses amenities including a puppet theatre and story time area for children as well as an outdoor deck.

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## SOUTHEAST LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

7421 Garners Ferry Road, Columbia, South Carolina

Customers at Southeast love the library and believe that its programming and its staff are its strength. This community is interested in taking risks and being innovators. They re-envisioned Southeast to be rich in programming, especially related to STEAM and STEM, innovative technology and educational support. They embraced the maker-movement at their location as a unique destination feature. The Southeast location includes renovations to its existing 20,000 square foot facility and an addition for increased access to new technology, a textile room, consultation and tutor rooms, teen space and comfortable seating.

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## BLYTHEWOOD LIBRARY RENOVATIONS

Columbia, South Carolina

Blythewood is steeped in history, the arts and a sense of community. The renovation project honored these qualities while addressing the needs for more meeting and programming space. Situated on a beautiful piece of property on McNulty Road, the expanded library enhanced the customer experience for readers, Lego™ builders and history buffs. The 2,400 sq. ft. addition provided space for new group meeting/study rooms, family restrooms and a teen area. Outside, there is a public art piece Water Tower Pavilion, inspired by the Blythewood steam train water tower, along with enhanced parking and an outdoor programming space.

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## EDGEWOOD LIBRARY - ADAPTIVE RE-USE

2101 Oak Street, Columbia, South Carolina

The Edgewood Library, a partnership with the Columbia Housing Authority, was designed by local architecture firm Studio 2LR. The location features a library collection, holds pickup, computer access, a meeting room and flexible space for community partners. Located at Oak Drive and Elmwood, the 7,000 square foot library is a vibrant place to learn, create and share. **Our team repurposed an abandoned Dollar General store into a new community center, complete with a bike repair station.**

### Completion Date

Late Fall 2018

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## NORTHEAST LIBRARY RENOVATION

7490 Parklane Road, Columbia, South Carolina

The renovation for Northeast is a multicultural, multigenerational location embracing life-long learning to foster competence and confidence for all ages and stages. Identified as a need in the community, Northeast is a destination for the county to promote a commitment to health and well-being with a special emphasis on nutrition and healthy food choices, with interior and exterior spaces to support this relevant and innovative programming. The 15,000 sq. ft. facility was renovated with an addition that includes two tutor rooms or small conference rooms that increased meeting room size by 1,650 square feet. New space includes storage and teaching kitchen, exterior improvements, addition of outdoor programming and the re-paving of parking facilities.



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## NEW SANDHILLS LIBRARY

736 Fashion Drive, Columbia, South Carolina

M. B. Kahn collaborated with the Library and Richland School District Two to join forces, creating an innovative partnership which saved costs in site development and utilities. The new library features an auditorium, community meeting and events center, and job training spaces. The project was delivered under a Design-Build contract, saving our clients time and money. Richland Library and Richland School District 2 have committed themselves to a new vision of service and a destination for learning for Richland County. A shared location for Sandhills will provide a unique community destination, where learners of all ages will be encouraged to learn, create and share their knowledge in a truly innovative and welcoming environment.

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2017

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## WHEATLEY LIBRARY

931 Woodrow Street, Columbia, South Carolina

Wheatley branch is truly a neighborhood library set right in the heart of the Old Shandon community. It serves neighbors that regularly walk, ride bikes or just drop-in. Renovations to this 4,000 sq. ft. location enhance the experience of browsing the collection, having a group meeting, or just “hanging out”. Includes are tutoring rooms or small conference rooms, increased children’s space, and the re-paving of parking facilities.

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## LIBRARY BUILDING PROGRAM

Charleston County, Multiple Locations Across Charleston County, South Carolina

Local residents overwhelmingly approved a referendum to build five new libraries and renovate 13 others in November 2014. In all, five new libraries were built: two new branches in areas of rapid growth and three to replace outdated facilities. A major focus includes upgrading technology by adding self check-out kiosks, more public computers and the latest equipment in public meeting rooms.

The five new libraries included:

- Wando Mt. Pleasant
- Baxter Patrick James Island
- Bees Ferry West Ashley
- St. Paul's Hollywood
- R. Keith Summey North Charleston

Participation Goals Met:

- Small Business = 31.7%
- MWDBE = 23.0%
- Local = >70%
- 30,000 hours of On-the Job Training completed
- 6,300 hours of Student Internships completed

### Completion Date(s)

2020-2021

### Size

242,000 SF

**Total Savings:**  
**\$6,000,000**

### Owner

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Multiple Architects





## WANDO MT. PLEASANT LIBRARY

Carolina Park Boulevard, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina

The new 40,000-square-foot facility on the corner of Carolina Park Boulevard and Park Avenue brings the library into the modern era with connectivity driving the design. The design aligns active spaces with the roadways to activate the facades, showcasing the library's lively programming to the community. The form is a direct response to the site's linear shape and the adjacent wetland to the northeast. Features include an outdoor reading area, maker spaces, an auditorium, gaming rooms, and recording studios.

**Savings of nearly \$2.5 million!**



**Completion Date**  
June 30, 2019

**Size**  
40,000 SF

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## BAXTER-PATRICK JAMES ISLAND LIBRARY

1858 South Grimball Road, James Island, South Carolina

This facility is the second of five new libraries to open after the passing of a \$108.5 million referendum calling for new facilities and the renovation and update of the existing branches. Features of the **Design-Build** James Island Library include:

- 100-Seat Auditorium
- A study room
- Self-Check Kiosks and Automated Materials Handling
- Digital Media (Recording and Editing) Lab
- Digital Preservation Equipment
- DJ Station with Turntables
- Creative Studios/Makerspace equipped with several tools including sewing machines, a Cricut, art materials and more
- Storytime Room
- Teen Lounge with Gaming Area
- Outdoor Reading Areas
- Cultural Path and Genealogy Corner
- Learning (Computer) Lab

### **Design-Build, Under Budget**

**Completion Date**  
October 2019

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20,000 SF

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## BEES FERRY WEST ASHLEY LIBRARY

Sanders Road, West Ashley, South Carolina

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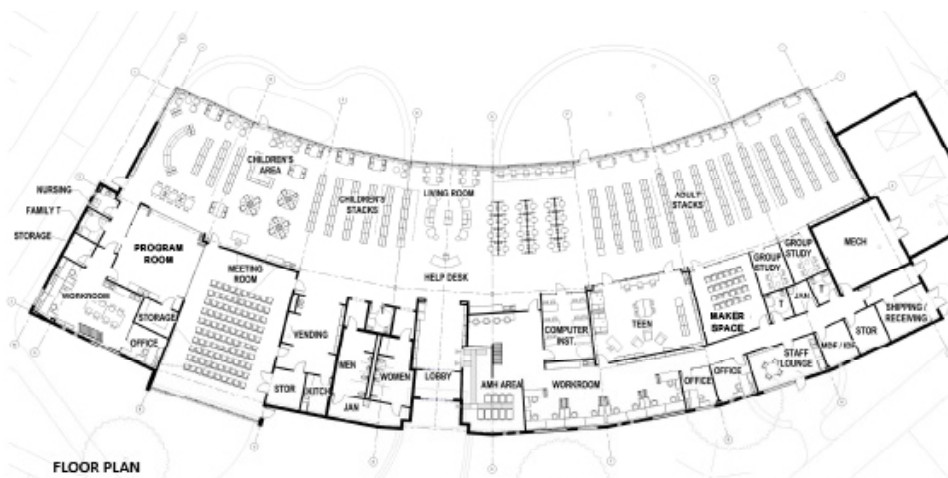
- Auditorium that can seat 100
- Small meeting room
- Two group study rooms,
- Instructional room with 10 computer stations
- Storytime room in the Children's area
- Family Restroom and Nursing Room

**Completion Date**  
Summer 2020

**Size**  
20,000 SF

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## ST. PAUL'S HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY

5150 SC Highway 165, Hollywood, South Carolina

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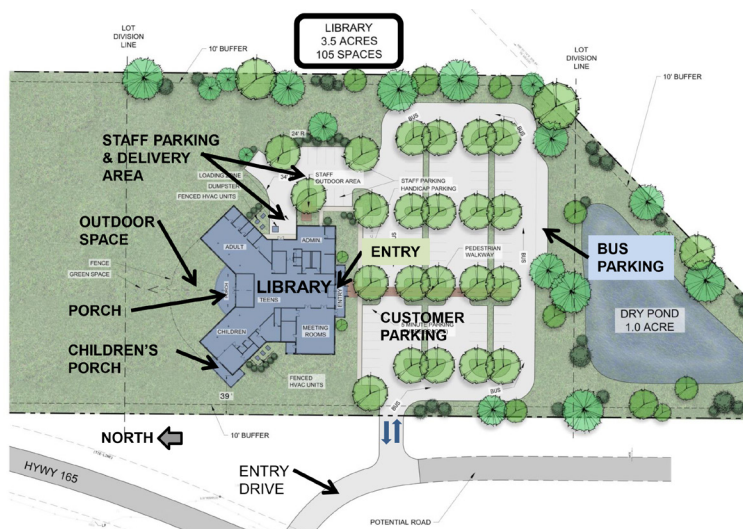
- Adult, children, and teen areas
- An auditorium that can be divided into two meeting rooms (100-person capacity)
- A meeting room/maker space for do-it-yourself projects (25-person capacity)
- Outdoor areas
- Learning Lab (Computer Instruction Room)
- A Contemporary Lowcountry Design

**Completion Date**  
2020

**Size**  
15,000 SF

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## R. KEITH SUMMEY NORTH CHARLESTON LIBRARY

3505 Pinehaven Drive, North Charleston, South Carolina

This facility is one of five new libraries to open after the passing of a \$108.5 million referendum calling for new facilities and the renovation and update of the existing branches. Features of the **Design-Build** R. Keith Summey Library include:

- Adult, children and teen area
- Auditorium with a capacity of 100 people that can be divided into two rooms
- Makerspace for do-it-yourself (DIY) projects
- Outdoor features
- Computer Learning Labs

**Completion Date**  
TBD

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