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IIDA ANNOUNCES 2018 IIDA/ALA LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN AWARDS

CHICAGO — The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and the American Library Association (ALA) announce the opening of the 2018 Library Interior Design Awards. The biennial Library Interior Design Awards recognize achievement in library interior design aesthetics, creativity, and function.

“Libraries are constantly evolving to meet the needs of changing communities and patrons who are looking not only for technological capabilities, but also to be inspired, educated, and even entertained,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP. “These awards honor forward-thinking library interiors, and we are proud to once again partner with ALA to recognize design solutions that support the many uses of libraries today.”

Submissions are now being accepted in nine categories: Public Libraries (30,000 sq. ft. and under); Public Libraries (Over 30,000 sq. ft.); Academic Libraries (30,000 sq. ft. and under); Academic Libraries (Over 30,000 sq. ft.); Special Libraries (30,000 sq. ft. and under); Special Libraries (Over 30,000 sq. ft.); Outstanding Historic Renovation Project; Single Space (a small project that focuses on a specific room or area in a library); and On the Boards (a project currently in the design phase and not under construction). For complete submission information, visit the competition website.

Winning design projects will be selected by a jury of distinguished design professionals. The deadline for project submissions is Wednesday, Mar. 21, 2018. Winners will be honored and celebrated at the ALA Annual Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana in June, and their projects will be featured in Contract and American Libraries magazines, as well as on the IIDA website and social media platforms.

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About International Interior Design Association
IIDA is the Commercial Interior Design Association with global reach. We support design professionals, industry affiliates, educators, students, firms, and their clients through our network of 15,000+ members across 58 countries. IIDA advocates for advancements in education, design excellence, legislation, leadership, accreditation, and community outreach to increase the value and understanding of interior design as a profession that enhances business value and positively impacts the health and well-being of people’s lives every day. www.iida.org

About the American Library Association
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.