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IIDA ANNOUNCES 2018 ALA/IIDA LIBRARY INTERIOR DESIGN AWARD WINNERS

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

“Libraries have long served as institutions for the public to be inspired, educated, and even entertained at times,” said IIDA Executive Vice President and CEO Cheryl S. Durst, Hon. FIIDA, LEED AP. “Together with ALA, we’re pleased to honor innovative library interiors that are designed to help us forge a connection with the past, engage us in an exploration of the future, and guide us in our lifelong pursuit of knowledge.”

Entries were judged by a panel of interior design professionals, including 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; Jeannette Lenear Peruchini, IIDA, LEED AP, associate director and interior practice leader, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP; and Mindy Sorg, IIDA, NCIDQ, LEED AP, RID, associate and senior interior designer, OPN Architects.

“It is an honor to recognize innovative library interiors that exemplify excellence and will truly stand the test of time,” said Sorg, on behalf of the jurors. “The submissions we received successfully balanced stunning aesthetics with impressive levels of functionality. However, the category winners went above and beyond with thoughtful innovations in library spaces.”

The winners of the 2018 ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Awards are:

**Academic Libraries - Over 30,000 sq. ft.**
Project: Tecnológico de Monterrey New Main Library, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, MX
Firm: Sasaki, Watertown, Massachusetts, US

Project: Alfred R. Goldstein Library, Sarasota, Florida, US
Firm: Shepley Bulfinch, Boston, Massachusetts, US

**Outstanding Historic Renovation**
Project: Beyazit State Library, Istanbul, TR
Firm: Tabanlioglu Architects, Istanbul, TR

**Public Libraries - 30,000 sq. ft. and under**
Project: Columbia Heights Library, Columbia Heights, Minnesota, US
Firm: HGA Architects and Engineers, Minneapolis, Minnesota, US
Project: Columbus Metropolitan Library: Northside Branch, Columbus, Ohio, US  

Public Libraries - Over 30,000 sq. ft.  
Project: Austin Central Library, Austin, Texas, US  
Firm: Lake | Flato Architects, Shepley Bulfinch joint venture, Boston, Massachusetts, US

Special Libraries - 30,000 sq. ft. and under  
Project: Hedrick Study at University of California, Los Angeles, California, US  
Firm: Johnson Favaro, Culver City, California, US

Single Space  

The Best of Competition winner will be announced at the ALA Annual Conference held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on June 23, 2018, where all of the competition winners will be celebrated. Winning 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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The International Interior Design Association (IIDA) is the commercial interior design association with global reach. We support design professionals, industry affiliates, educators, students, as well as firms and their other clients through our network of 15,000+ members across 58 countries. IIDA advocates for advancement 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.