



Florence Riford Branch Library

The Florence Riford Branch addition involves 14,085 square feet of new construction and the remodeling of 10,660 square feet of existing library structure, including a new computer lab, updating the computer reference, the Friends of the La Jolla Library store, and expansion of the community room.

The original library was designed by Architects Mosher Drew in the 1980s. The original 10,000-square-foot public library branch serves a variety of functions within this unique seaside community. Its residentially scaled structure and sensitive incorporation of familiar building forms and materials reflected the architectural history and context of La Jolla and the region.

The functionally efficient floor plan and careful integration of interior and exterior spaces is responsive to both the building program requirements and the moderate coastal environment. Interior spaces included a community meeting room, conveniently located adjacent to the main entrance, an adult reading area with a fireplace, a separate children's reading area with appropriately scaled and inviting window seats. The main control desk is located in close proximity to the staff workroom and lounge with open and obstructed views of the main entrance and all other areas including book stacks and study carrels. This allows for quick and easy observation of library activities and simplifies staffing and security requirements. An exterior courtyard and water fountain provided overflow reading space and a pleasant retreat during warm sunny afternoons. On-site parking areas are screened by low courtyard walls and flowering landscape materials.

PROJECT STATS

Owner: City of San Diego

Location: La Jolla, California

Construction Cost: \$4,300,000

Initiation / Completion Dates:

Original Building: 1983-1989

Expansion: 2001-2004

Size: 25,000 sq. ft.

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