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Offers Path To Successful Library Design Through Collaboration

*Ten Case Studies By Architect Peter Gisolfi*

In his new book, *Collaborative Library Design: From Planning to Impact*, architect Peter Gisolfi takes an in-depth look at the collaborative process and why it leads to better library design.

Each of the 10 case studies in the book is detailed in a richly illustrated chapter that includes essays from three points of view: the planners who served on the building committee that undertook the project; the architect who worked with the librarians and the building committee to design the project; and the librarians who use the building every day and have experienced the impact of the new space on library users. Featured in the book are public, school and academic libraries.

The essays within the book identify paths to success as well as pitfalls to avoid. Library planners, designers, and administrators will find this book an extraordinary resource filled with practical guidance directly applicable to their own undertakings, regardless of size or complexity.

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The book:

- includes an abundance of illustrations, photos, diagrams, and plans that explain the buildings;
- presents an essay for each project written by a library board member or academic administrator who participated in the planning phase of the project;
- offers an essay by the architect who led the design team;
• features honest evaluations of each project from a librarian responsible for the day-to-day operation in the new space, and the impact of the design on the use and operation of the library;
• offers an introductory essay by author Peter Gisolfi that explains the collaborative process, and concludes with the author’s essay on new trends in library design that will help assure the library’s position as a vital civic institution.

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The new Gisolfi book, Collaborative Library Design: From Planning to Impact, is available at alastore@ala.org, and at amazon.com/.