

Modern Library Design: Worldwide Trends

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Outline

- 21st century trends
- Learning lessons from each other
- Global context: new build, refurbishment and extension
- What next? Where to go for help?

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A Trend in Reverse?

- Ebook sales in the UK fell by 17% in 2016
- Printed book sales rose by 8%
- Tactile sense of the physical book
- Judge a book by its cover?
- Illuminated manuscripts reflecting beauty of content
- Impact on library planning – Special Collections, archives

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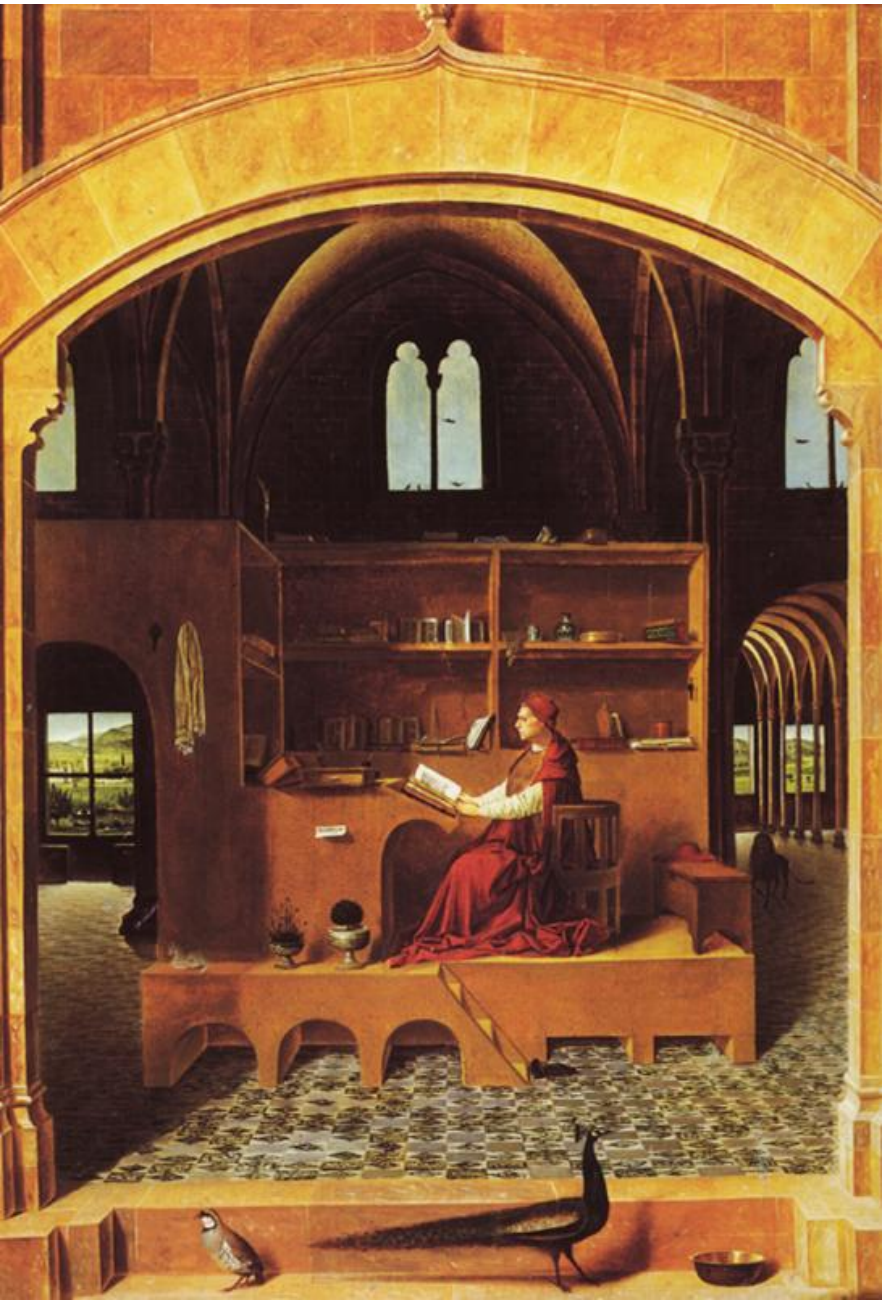
Library buildings: a changing typology

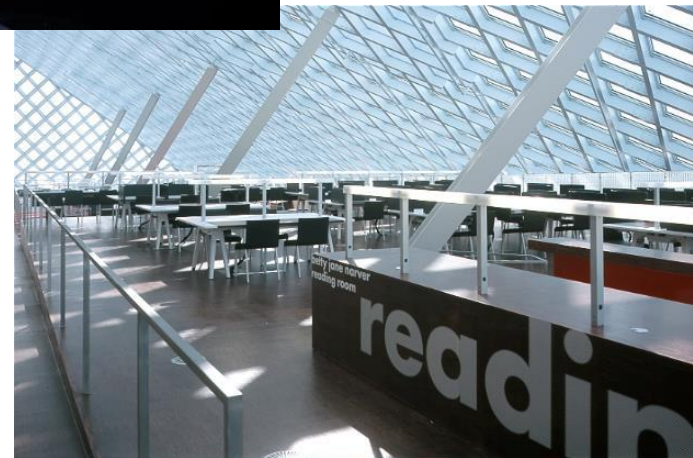
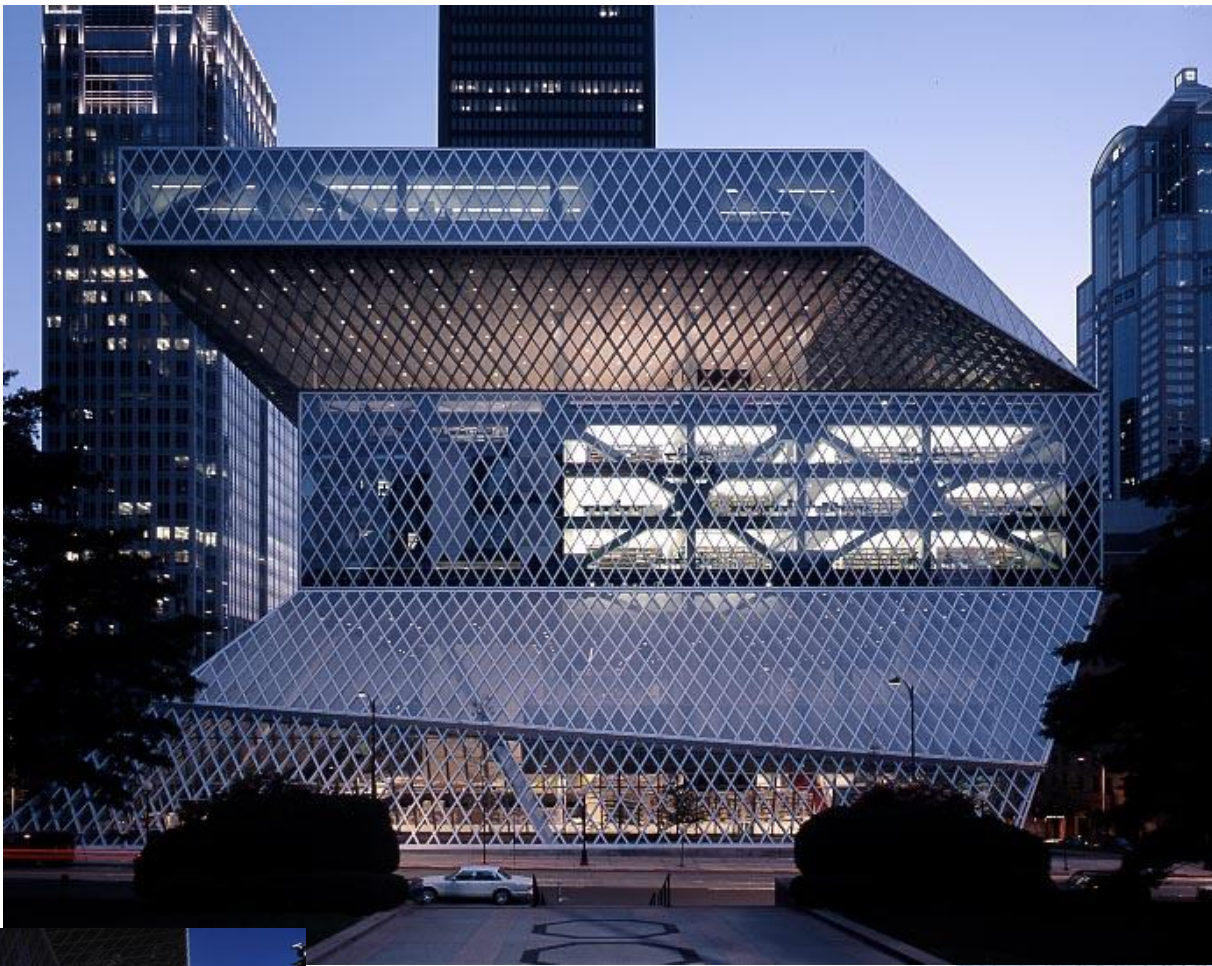
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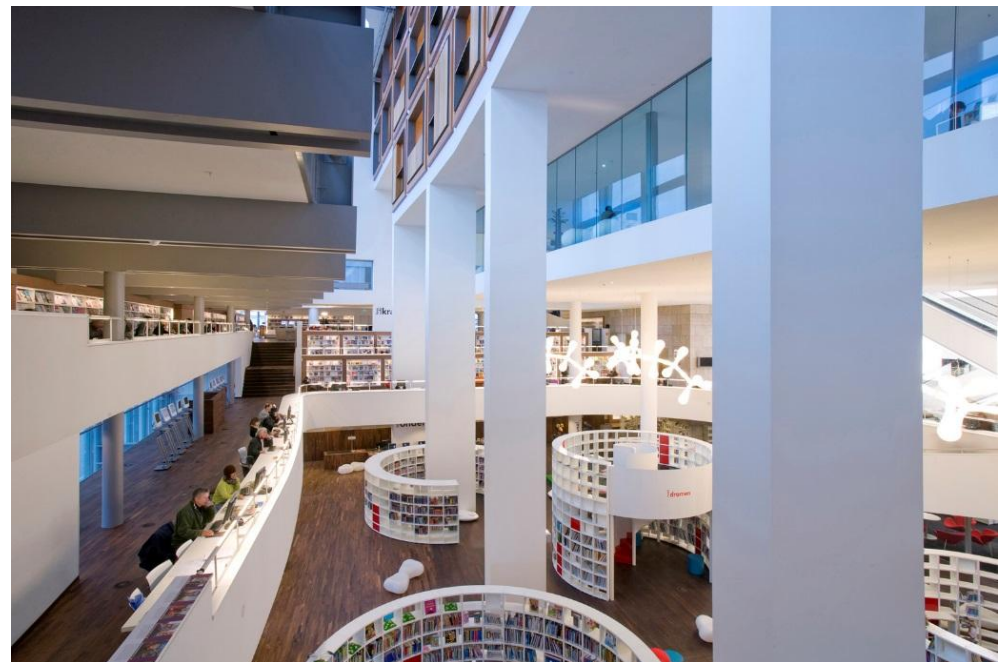
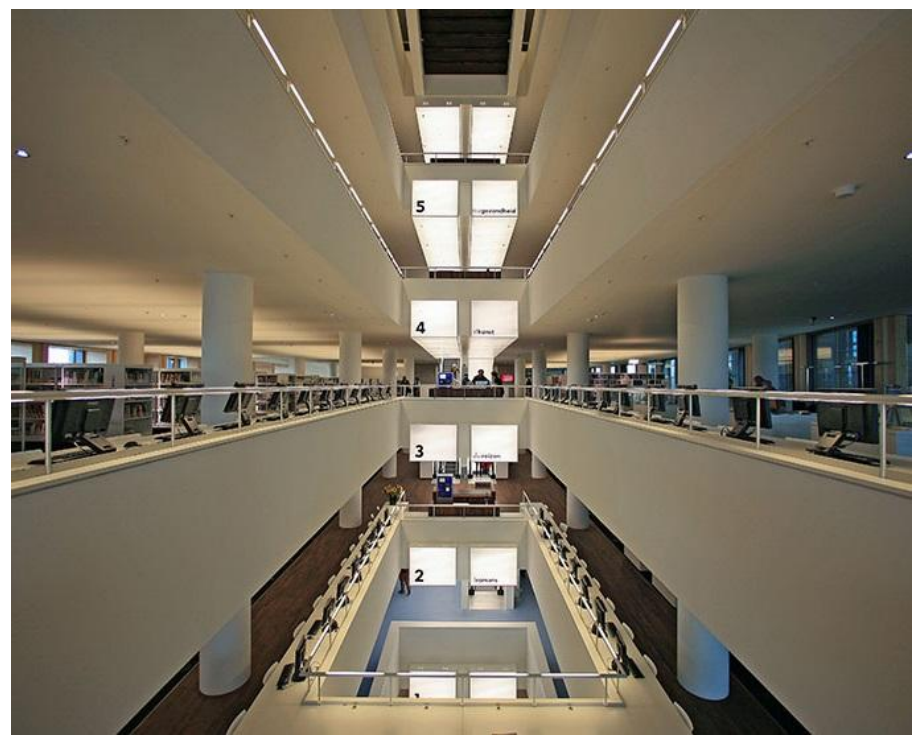
- Imposing
- Stability/permanence
- Solitude
- Quiet
- Status quo
- Collections

21st century

- Welcoming/relaxed
- Flexibility/transience
- Communal/Choice
- Zoned/Quiet again!
- Innovation(IT)
- Connections





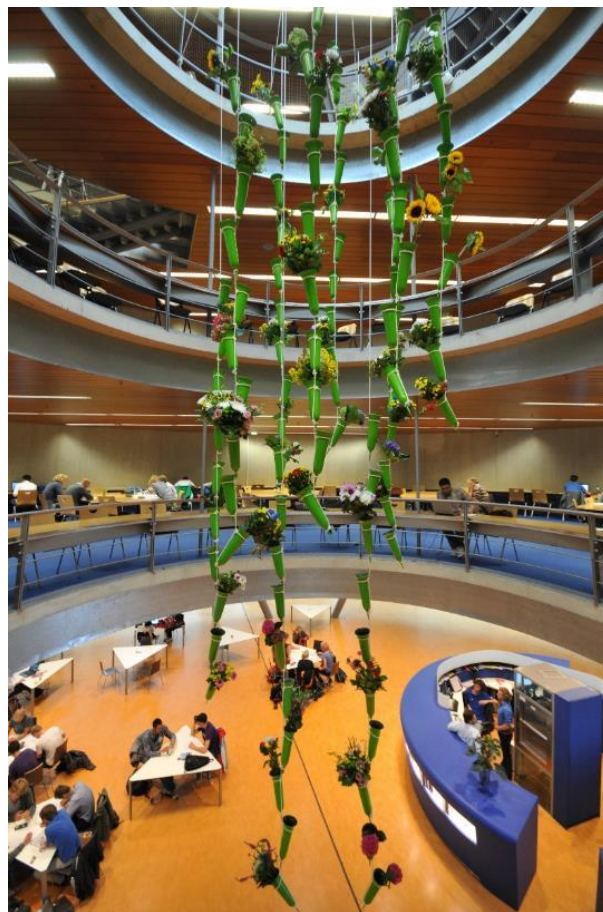


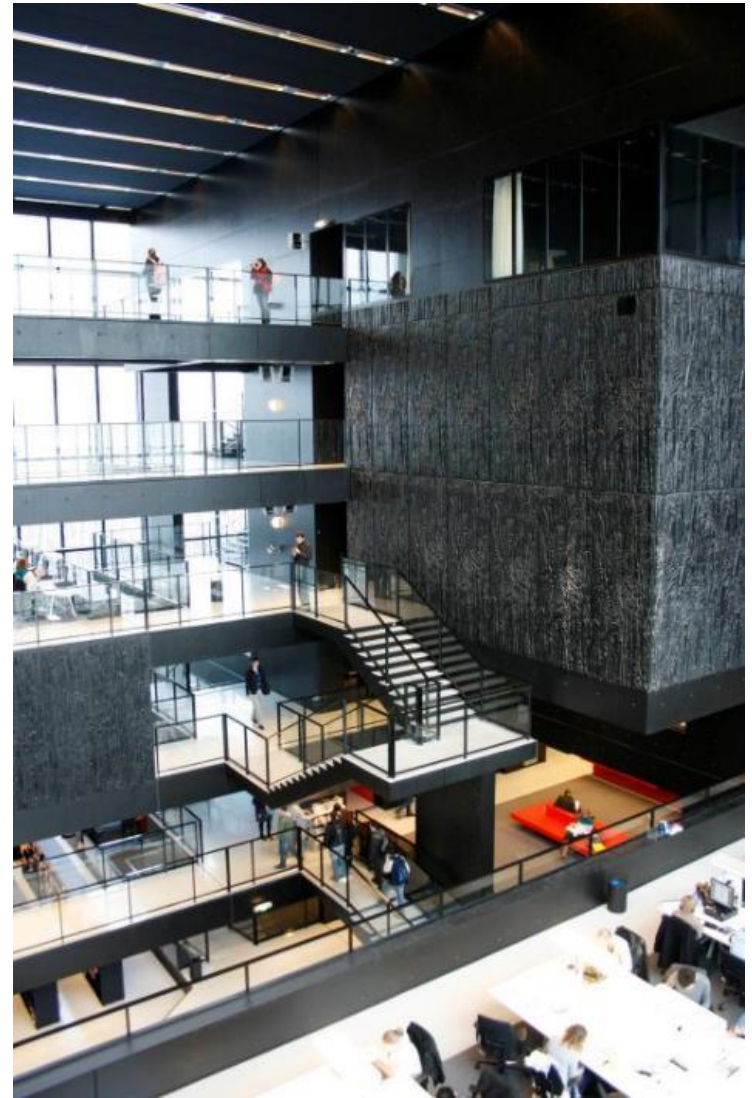


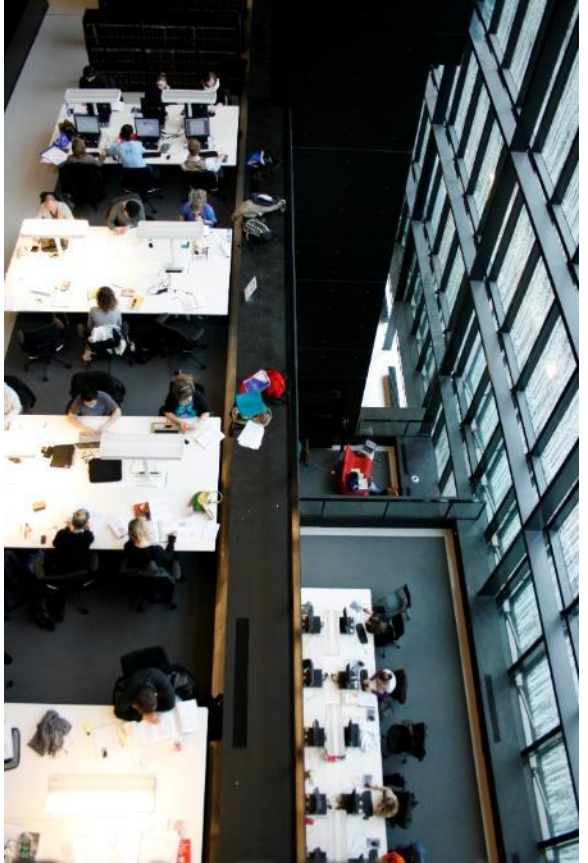
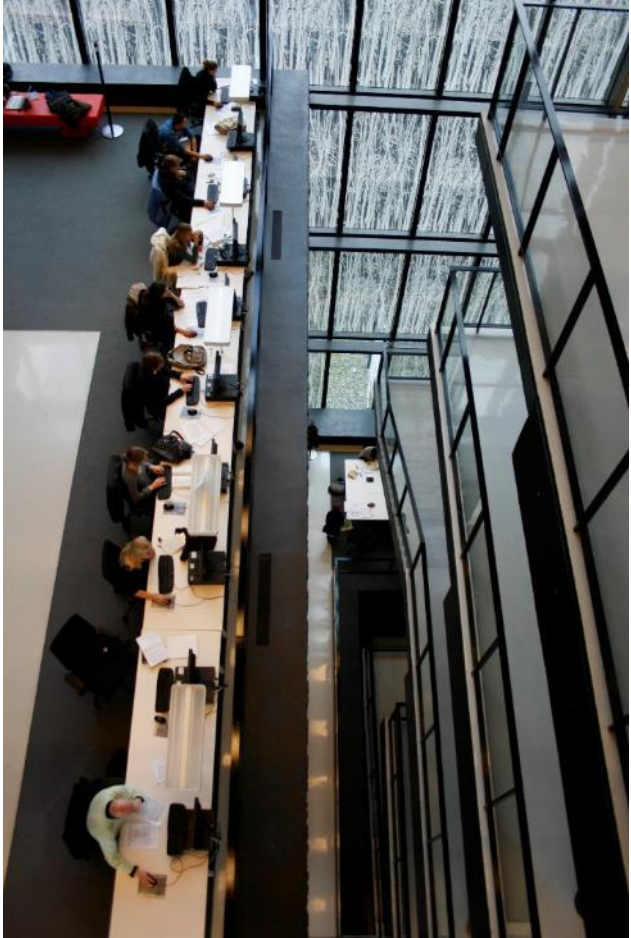


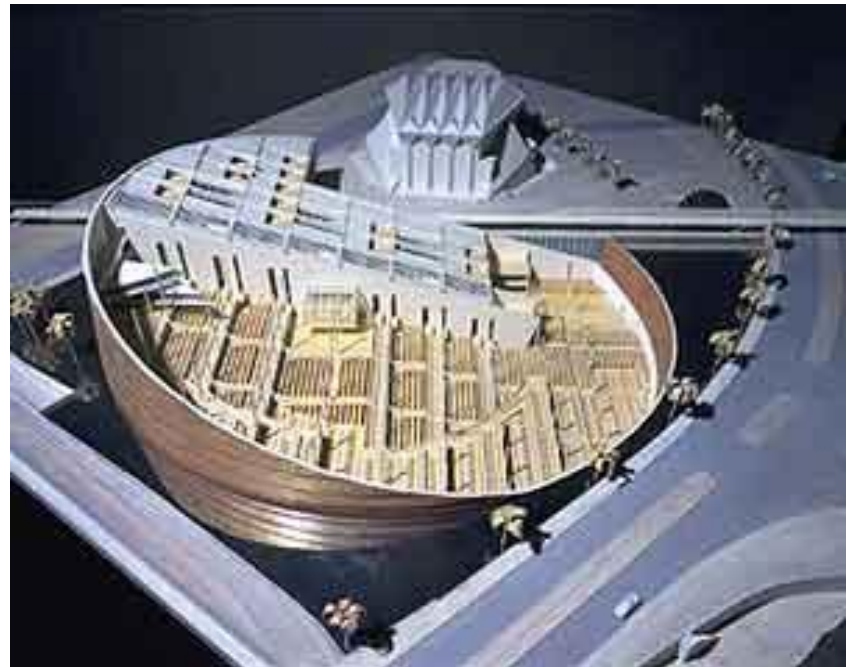














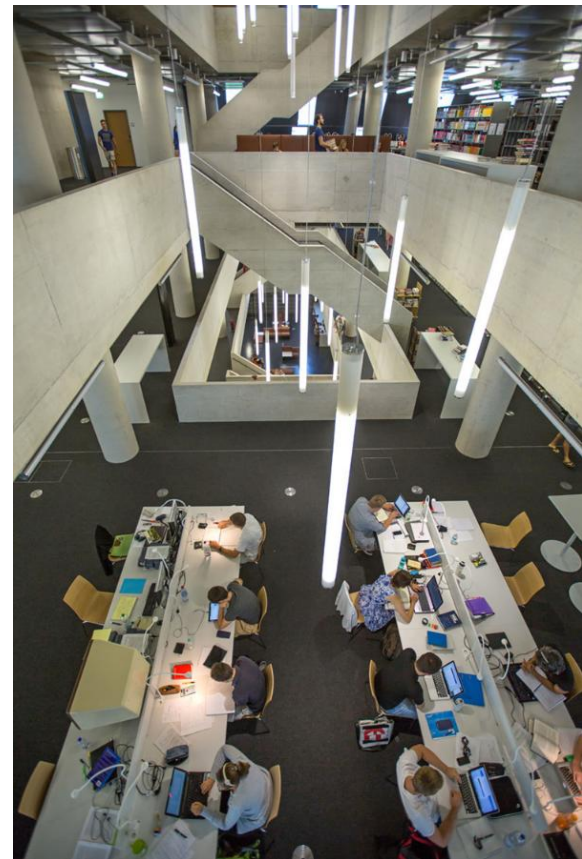
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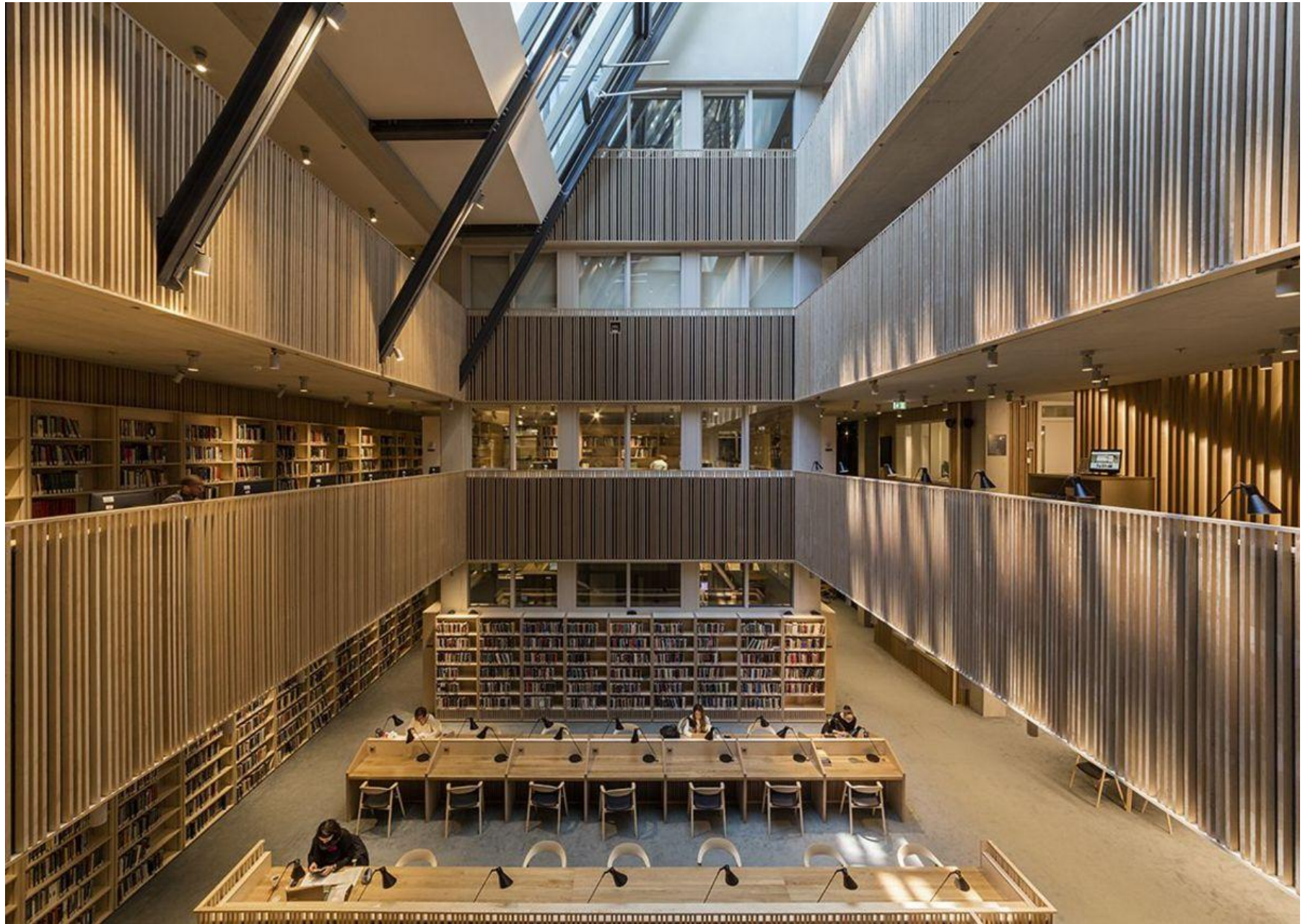


Exterior view of the National Library of Medicine dome.

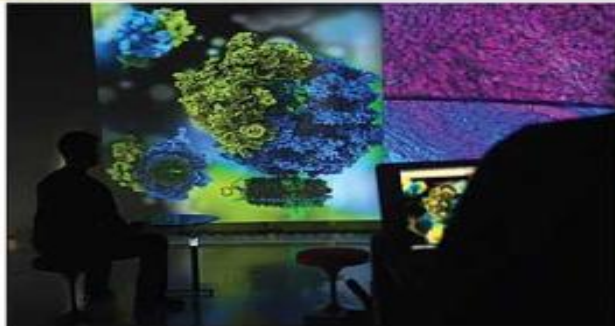


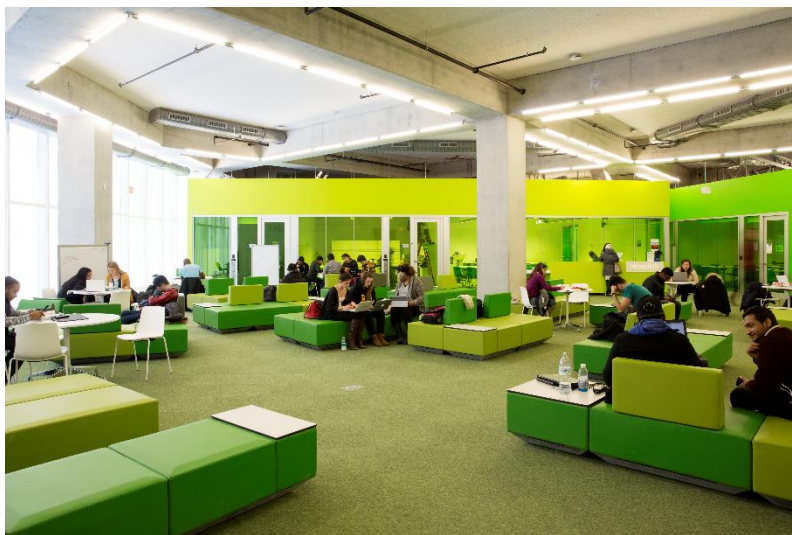
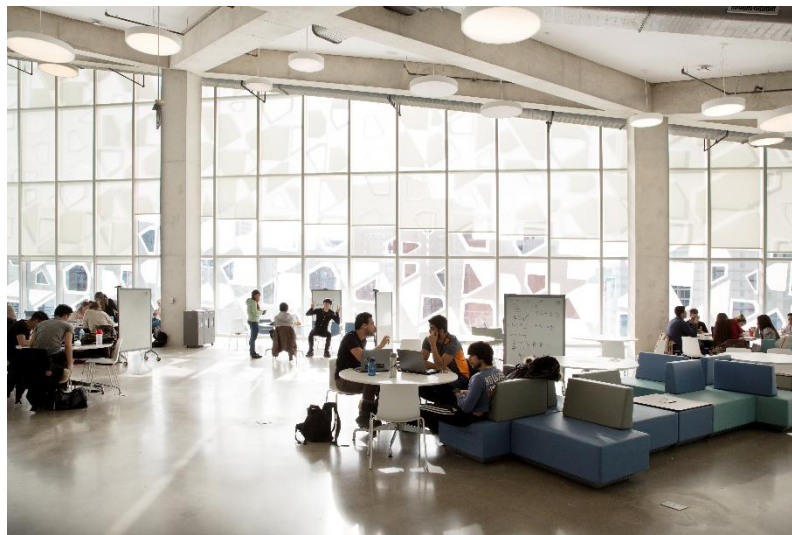








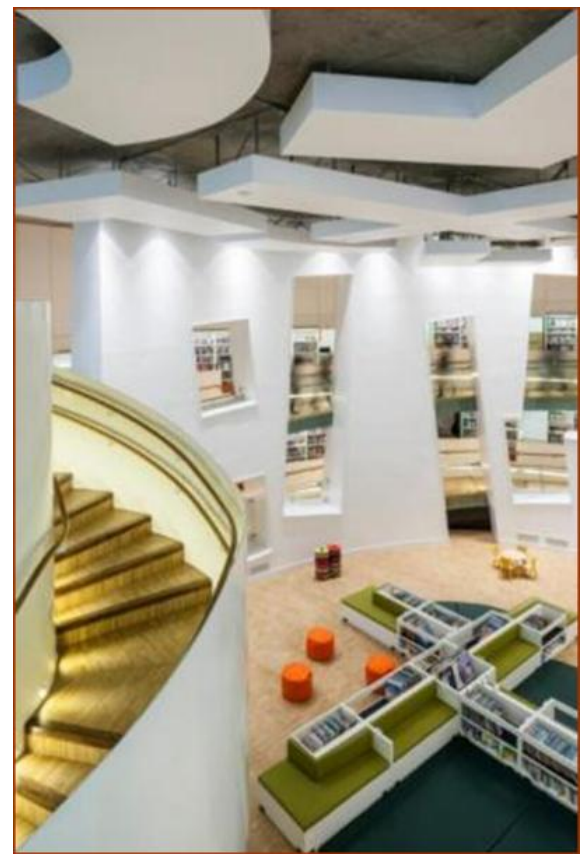




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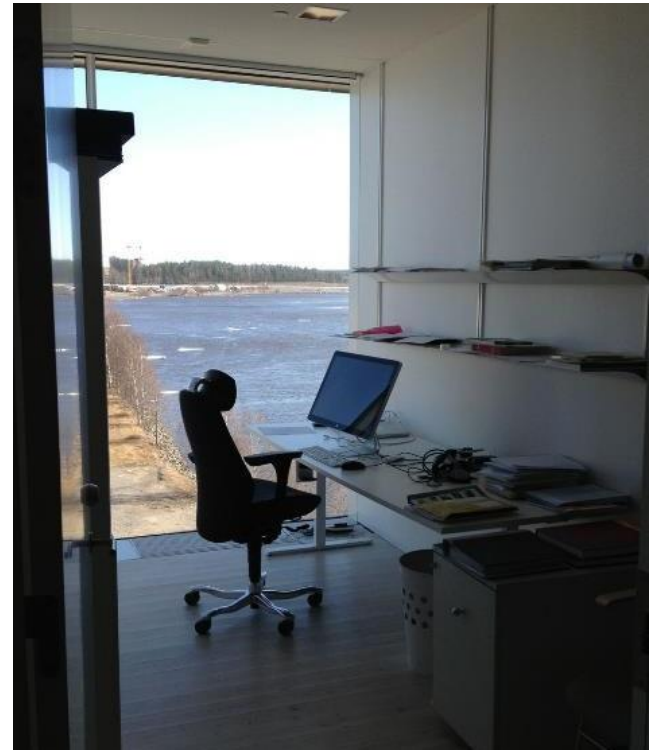
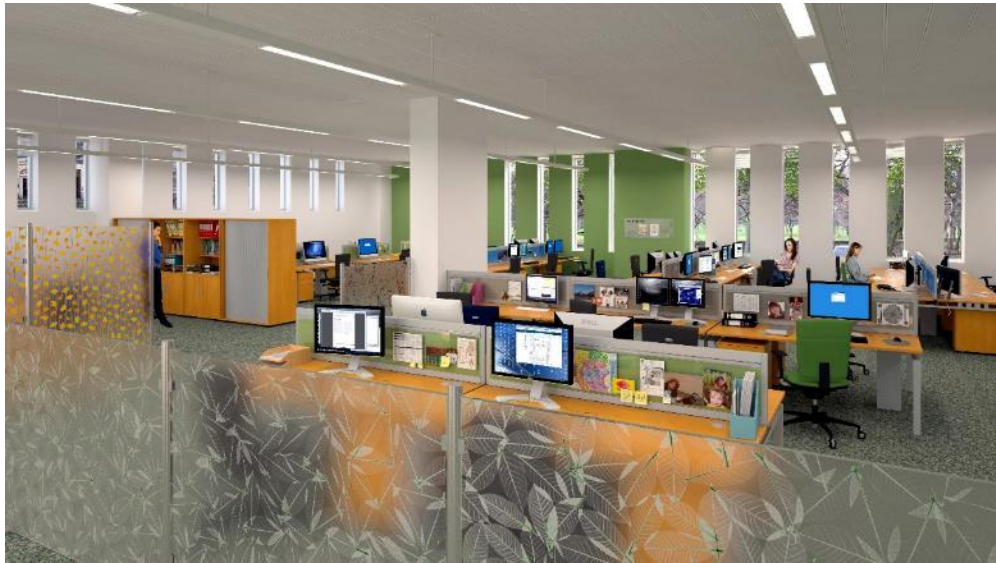


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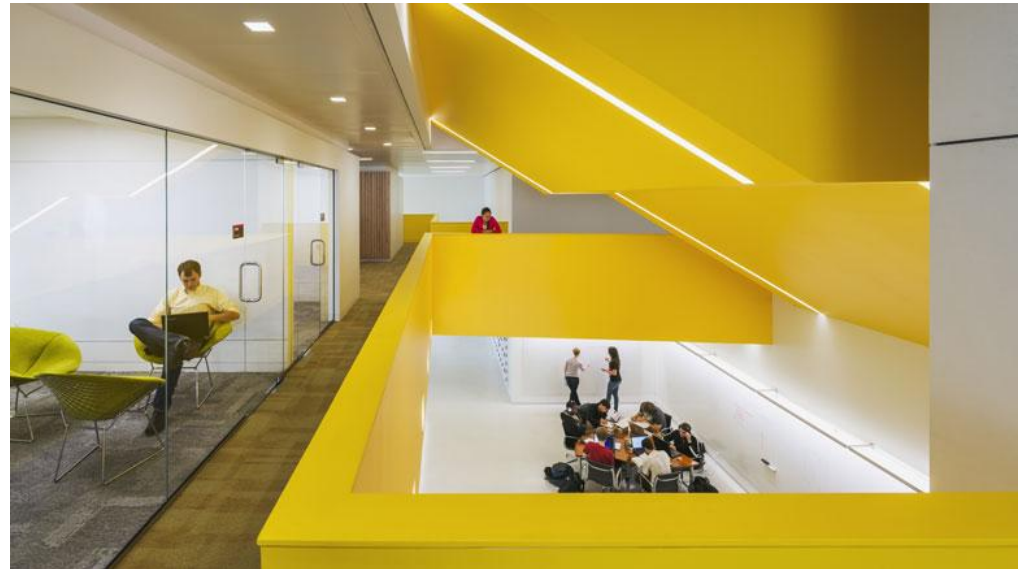
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Staff spaces

- Open plan v individual offices
- Break out spaces, meeting rooms, mobile phone areas, zoning
- Diversity of staff needs – choice
- Careful planning





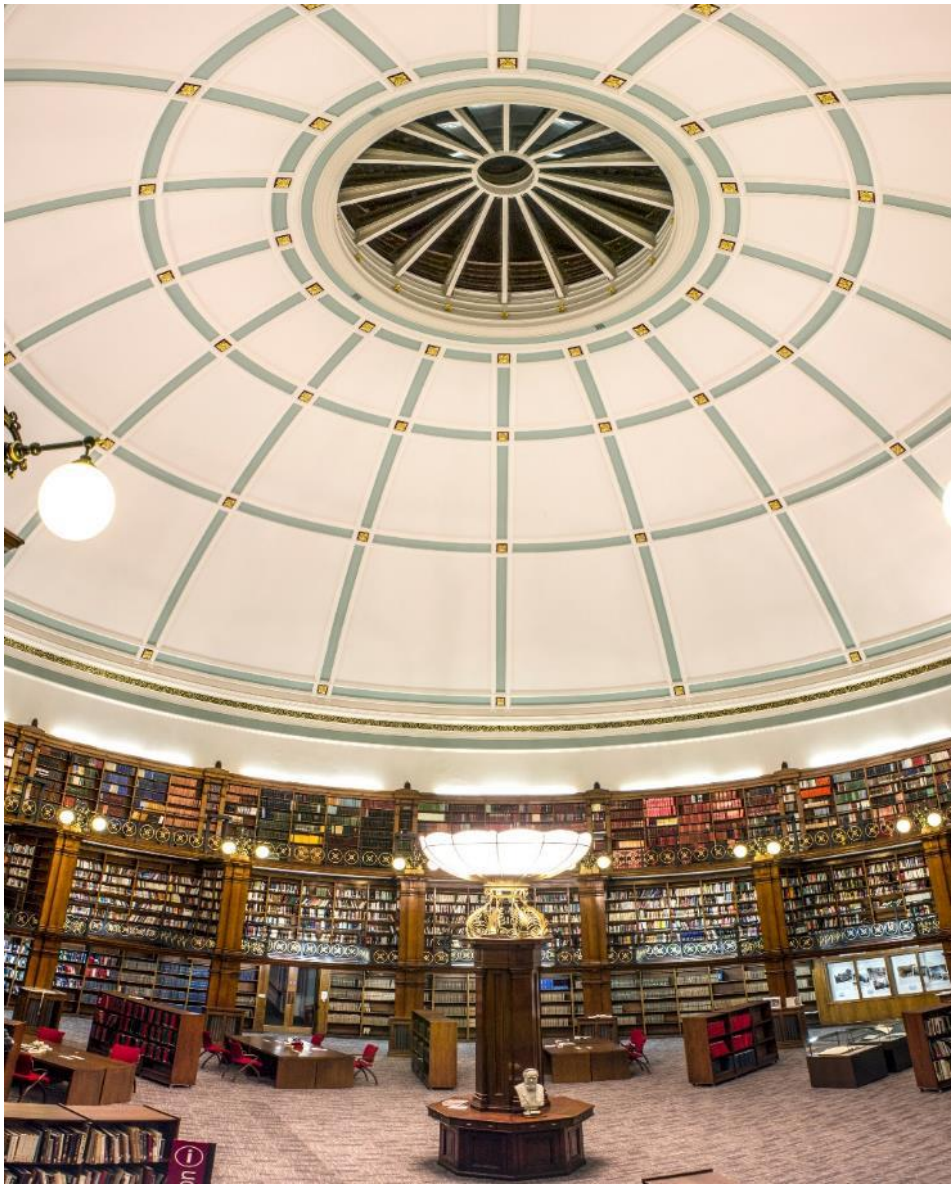


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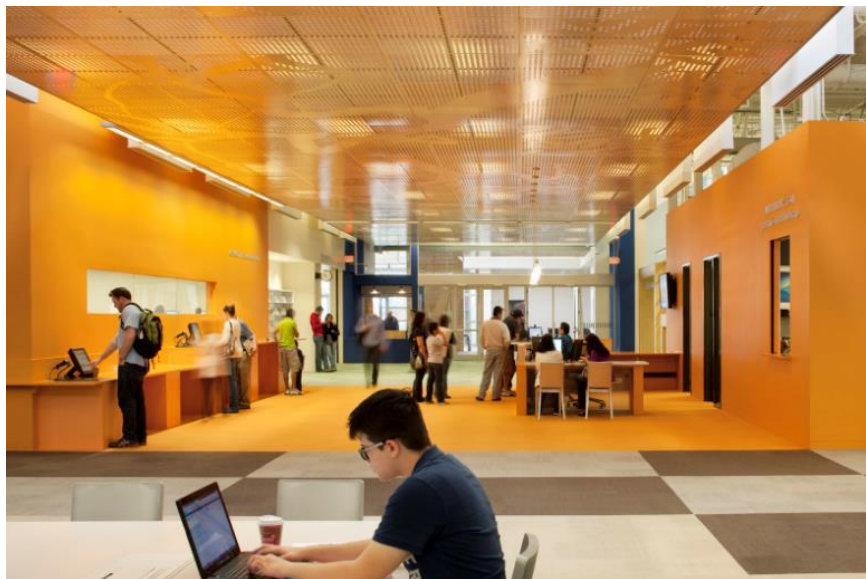
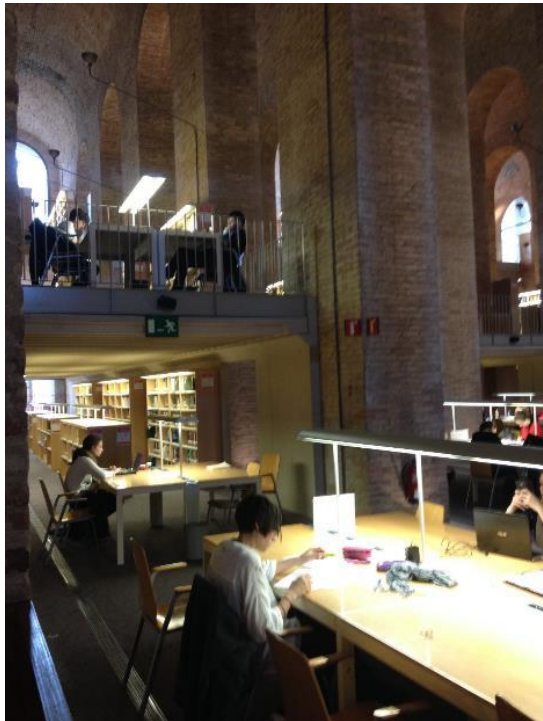


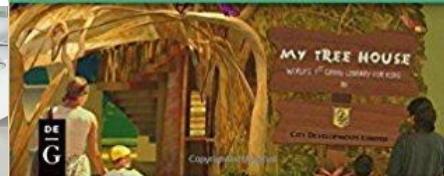
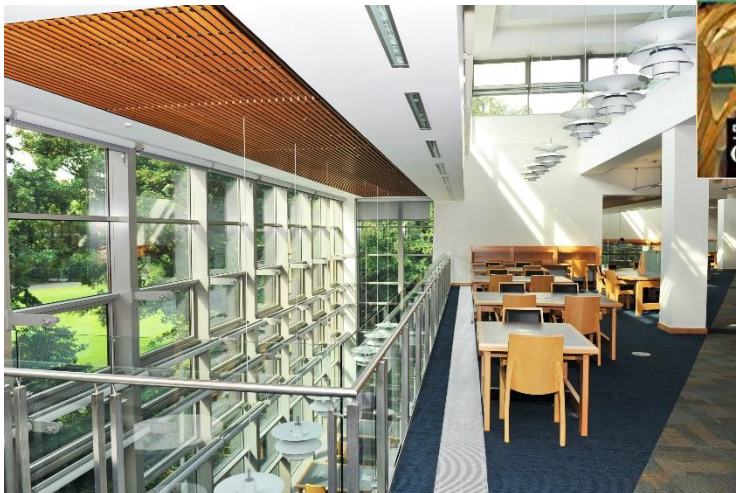


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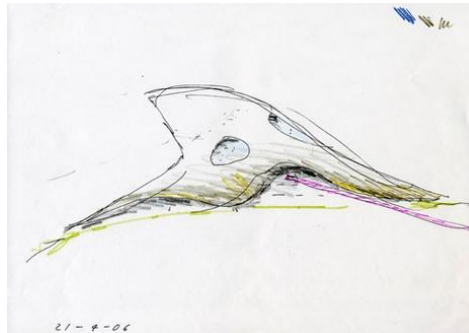
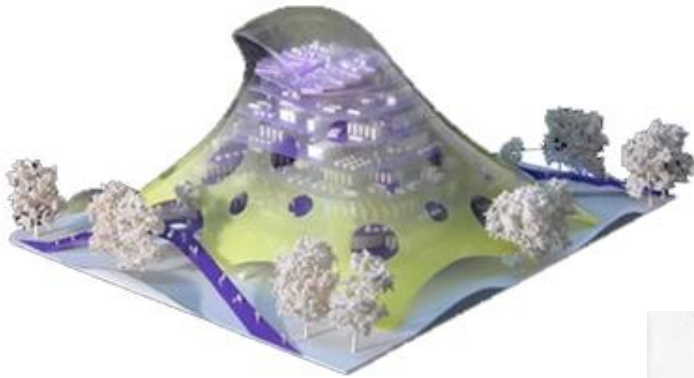






What Next?

- Collaborate, listen, evaluate
- Consult available information
- Good quality is all



Post-occupancy evaluation questionnaire

General	Building		Services	Conclusion
Facts and figures Location Accessibility Sustainability Safety and Security Flexibility	Entrance area Materials Flooring Ceilings Acoustics Openings Lighting Furniture	Heating, Ventilation and Air- conditioning Installations fed through a wiring system Data Sanitary areas	Service Areas Shelving User areas Children's Area Young Adults Staff Areas Automation Maintenance	Three wishes Anything that should be changed Anything particularly successful







Qualities of good library space: Faulkner Brown, McDonald *et al*

- Functional
- Adaptable
- Accessible
- Varied
- Interactive
- Environmental
- Safe and secure
- Efficient
- IT rich – flexible provision
- Sustainable
- Wow factor

Vitruvius - firmitas, utilitas, venustas

Resources for library design

- **Designing Libraries (CIC)**
www.designinglibraries.org.uk
- **LIBER Architecture Group**
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01/06/2017

£2.7m for libraries, museums and archives in Wales

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24/04/2017

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- Prague, 2012 (16th seminar)
- Madrid, 2010 (15th seminar)
- Budapest & Debrecen, 2008 (14th seminar)
- Utrecht/Gent, 2006 (13th seminar)
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men’s blood”**

Daniel Burnham

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