

Scottsdale Heritage Connection

Scottsdale Civic Center Library

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Scottsdale Heritage Connection (SHC) is a new 2,000 square feet interior improvement within the original 1968 Scottsdale Civic Center Library of downtown Scottsdale. Former Reading Room and later Gallery has evolved into a new state-of-the-art research space named 'The Messenger Family Research Room' after their significant contributions. SHC offers access to Scottsdale-area high school yearbooks; over 10,000 free digital images; bound periodicals as the Scottsdale Progress, The Arizonian, and Scottsdale Airpark News; phone directories; bound newspapers; City of Scottsdale documents, and much more. It is complemented by two existing rooms that will be used for SHC Programs and Periodical Archives. Research Room is completely enveloped by the actual archival materials displayed in wood shelving, so patrons will enjoy working literally within the collections. Amenities will include a video screen with lounge seating, 3 large work tables with seating for a dozen, 2 computer stations, scanning and copier equipment, lateral files with maps, large display case, and much more. Ambiance captures an inviting and intimate quality, as it is accomplished with natural woods, patterned carpet, an exposed wood structure, and LED lighting. SHC is a faceted and sculptural object set within the existing two-story volume; and clad with taupe-colored panels and clear glazing. New partitions and existing walls will have museum-quality lighting for displaying ever-changing art and photography exhibitions. The SHC collections have an ability to grow within given the storage capacity and in time vertically with a new mezzanine level above, as the wood structure is engineered to handle the additional loads. This flexibility and adaptability aspect is also reflected in the raised flooring system that allows for different furniture arrangements, additional partitions, and rerouting of power and data below with ease. Additionally the outside wall panels can be temporarily removed for access to other power, data, lighting and video systems. All of this is possible with a pre-engineered, fabricated off-site, and standardized system by DIRTT; which is an acronym for 'Doing It Right This Time.' It proved invaluable at upgrading the quality control, being more affordable, saving construction time, and being less disruptive in the field than conventional construction. Enjoy this new community resource that celebrates our Scottsdale history!!

Project Team

Owner: City of Scottsdale:
Scottsdale Public Library
Capital Projects Management
Facilities

Architectural Designer: Douglas Sydnor Architect and Associates, Inc.

Contractor: Builders Guild, Inc.

Prefabricated System & Installation: DIRTT - Doing It Right This Time

Shelving & Furniture: CIS - Commercial Interior Systems

Lighting: Lighting Unlimited

Fundraising: Friends of Scottsdale Public Library and
Scottsdale Heritage Connection Campaign Committee