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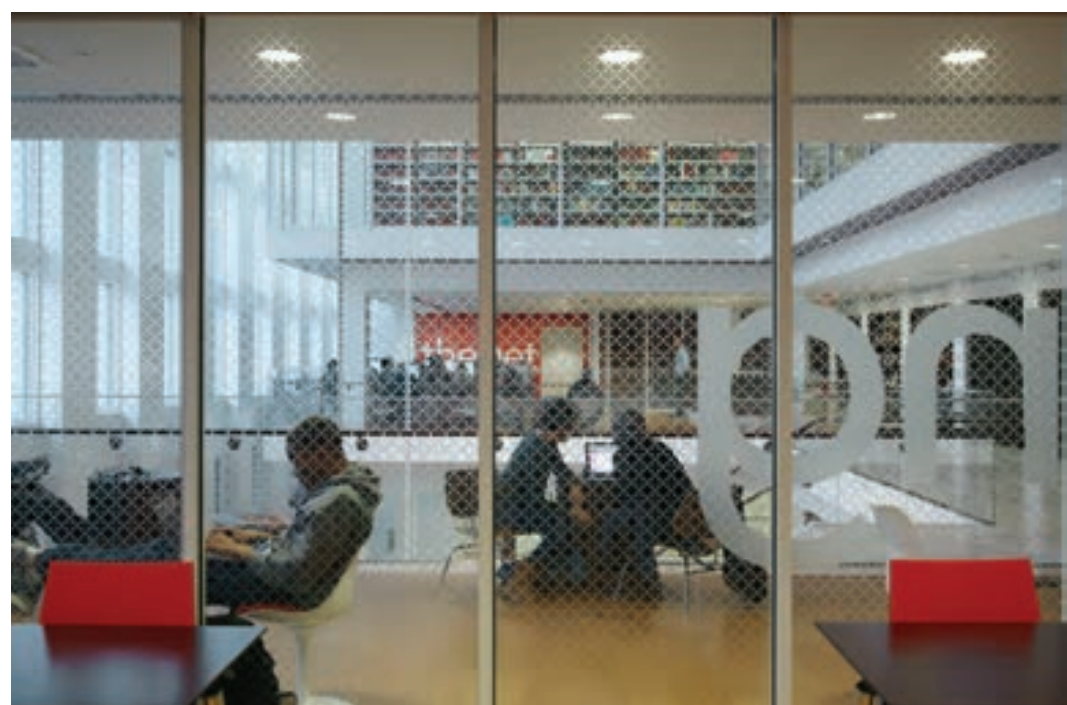
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**ST. LOUIS PUBLIC LIBRARY CENTRAL LIBRARY RENOVATION  
ROLE: DESIGN PROJECT ARCHITECT - CANNONDESIGN  
2012**

The library, designed by Cass Gilbert in beaux arts style, was completed in 1912. For 100 years this utilitarian space at the rear was used for 7 stories of independently structured book stacks open only to library staff and largely hidden from the public by obscured glass windows and no connection to the ornate public rooms at the front. The renovation allowed the space to be open to the public and connected visually and physically to the city on the exterior and rest of the library on the interior. The existing white glazed brick shell was left in place and exposed to view, with new transparent spaces added but not touching the existing shell.

Project Team: Cannon Design: George Nikolajevich, Tom Harvath, Rich Bacino, Tom Bergmann, Matt Huff, Erik Mease, John McAllister, Dan Stewart, Steve Brown, Environmental Graphics: Kuhlmann Leavitt, Lighting: Derek Porter Studio, William Tao & Associates, Engineering: William Tao & Associates, David Mason & Associates, Restoration Architect: Frens and Frens, Owner's Rep: CLR, Construction Manager: BSI. Photography: Tim Hursley



Alumnae Biography

**BIOGRAPHY**

I have practiced architecture in St. Louis since graduating and am currently an architect at CannonDesign, working at our renovated offices on 11th and Clark downtown. I have an active role as a project architect focused on implementing design ideas through the process of integrating materials and systems.

The Library project shown here integrates many architectural interests begun at Washington University: St. Louis as a special and unique place, weaving new work into existing spaces, making experience of significant space open to all and carrying design ideas all the way through materials and details.

**AWARDS**

Awards for St. Louis Public Library to Cannon Design:  
2014 Institute Honor Award for Architecture, American Institute of Architects  
2014 American Architecture Award, Chicago Athenaeum  
2013 AIA / ALA Library Building Award

**PUBLICATIONS**

Architect Magazine, March 2013, St. Louis Central Library, Hanley Wood, publisher (article about Library by Ian Volner)