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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 installing glass windows and rear door access to the main 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.


Photography: Tim Hurley

BIOGRAPHY
I have practiced architecture in St. Louis since graduating and am currently an architect at CannonDesign, working at our renovated office on 12th and Clark downtown. I have an active role in a project I am 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 experiences of significant spaces open to all and capturing 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

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