



PEACHTREE CITY LIBRARY RENOVATION AND EXPANSION

Peachtree City, Georgia,
United States

Owner

City of Peachtree City

Size

34,636 SF

Scope

Architecture, Master Planning,
Programming, Structural, Mechanical and
Electrical Engineering, Interior Design,
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment

Originally built in 1987, the Peachtree City Library had outgrown its 20,000-SF facility. LEO A DALY, through a series of user-interactive work sessions, prepared a "Vision-Study for the Future," including a multidisciplinary facility condition update analysis, space needs analysis, proposed master plan for total renovation, and a 12,000-SF addition, three-dimensional image

study sketches of optional solutions, and cost estimates.

The challenge was to not only add space and update the facility, but also to create a dramatic and inspirational new sense of place for the public library. The chosen design concept added an expanded children's area in a soft, curved form at the front of the library, with a translucent conical dome, bringing in natural light through the top and simulating a sunlit clearing in a forest.

The raised roof canopy that invites and welcomes library patrons not only boldly marks the library entry, but also highlights the coffee shop bistro that beckons the Peachtree City residents to stop and meet their friends for morning coffee or afternoon tea. At night, it glows like a lantern in the park.

The library, which is designed to be a highly appealing, stimulating, and unforgettable place for all ages, includes projecting reading bay windows facing the heavily vegetated park, a cozy fireplace reading nook, and a brightly colored teen zone.

"I don't think they (the residents) know how beautiful it is...the children's section...is perhaps the library's crown jewel. LEO A DALY designed a plan that meets the 20-year old Peachtree City Library's present needs, while allowing room for future growth. We've come up with a really good building that will stand the test of time."

Jill Prouty, Library Administrator, Peachtree
City Library