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Oregon City Public Library Honored in National Library Design Showcase

Designed by Scott | Edwards Architecture

Portland, OR . . . The award-winning design firm, **Scott | Edwards Architecture**, has announced the honor of being included in the national 2017 Library Design Showcase in recognition of their work on the Oregon City Public Library addition and renovation.

The 2017 Library Design Showcase, hosted by *American Libraries* Magazine, is the annual celebration of new and renovated libraries from across the United States and Canada. The 2017 competition received 60 submissions and 15 were selected for the showcase. The selected libraries can be viewed on line and were also featured in the publication's September/October 2017 issue.

View the 2017 showcase here:

<https://americanlibrariesmagazine.org/2017/09/01/2017-library-design-showcase/>

"Now in our 40th year, the Showcase is a shining example of innovative architectural feats that address user needs in unique, interesting, and effective ways. Renovations and expansions dominated this year, showing that libraries are holding on to and breathing new life into spaces already cherished by their communities," commented **Phil Morehart, Associate Editor, *American Libraries***.

Scott Edwards Architecture designed a 14,000 sf addition to the Oregon City Public Library, located in an original historic Carnegie Building, at 606 John Adams Street, Oregon City, OR. Placed along the back of the existing library, the new addition preserves the historic structure's original entry. A former exterior masonry wall now serves as a connection between the old and the new in the central two-story atrium space. Conducted in two phases, the project also included renovations and seismic upgrades to the existing 104-year-old historic structure. The new addition also contains community meeting rooms as well as a large, playful children's reading area.

"Scott Edwards Architecture's attention to detail and response to our community comments is reflected throughout the new library, from the delicate touch at the joining of the historic

Carnegie library and new addition, to the soaring, light filled foyer, to the second-floor views. And we know the community loves it as evidenced by increased door count from 15,000 to 41,000 visitors per month," **commented Maureen Cole, Oregon City Public Library Director.**

Scott Edwards Architecture was established in Portland, Oregon, in 1998, and maintains a project portfolio serving public and private clients throughout the Pacific Northwest. The firm has worked on library projects for communities across the region including Canby, Cornelius, Happy Valley, Lincoln City and White Salmon, WA.

Other markets served include non-profit organizations, childcare and early education, commercial, hospitality, healthcare, multi-family housing and private residences. For more information, please visit: www.seallp.com

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Photos attached: Oregon City Library

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