



WIDENER BRANCH FREE LIBRARY OF PHILADELPHIA PHILADELPHIA, PA



An African Plains theme inspired the design for the new neighborhood library.

The facility replaced an existing North Philadelphia branch library that was too small to effectively serve users. It stands as a vital neighborhood resource, providing after-school and summer student programs and serving as a community polling and voting center. To reflect its community importance and give the building a lively atmosphere, the design includes giraffe-shaped columns, textured wall surfaces, and a bright color palette. The new building features a large collection space, meeting and conference rooms, new parking, and a garden.

Cost: \$2.4 million

Size: 9,800 square feet

Year: 2005

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Architecture with purpose.

