**WHAT MAKES THE EAST SAN JOSE CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY GREEN?**

**BUILDING LOCATION & COMMUNITY IMPACT**—Located in the Brookwood Terrace Strong Neighborhood Initiatives area, the East San José Carnegie Branch Library was renovated and expanded to provide more community gathering space and classroom facilities. During design and construction, great care was taken to preserve the historically significant features of the original building.

**WATER EFFICIENCY**—To reduce water use, water-conserving fixtures were installed throughout the building. With an xeriscape landscape consisting of plants needing little or no watering and bioswales collecting rain water from paved areas, the site’s water usage is minimized.

**ENERGY & EMISSIONS**—Natural lighting and high efficiency electric lighting reduce the library’s energy use. In addition, the building features a unique passive air conditioning system that draws cool air into the basement at night to cool the library during the day.

**MATERIALS & WASTE**—Only the library’s 1981 addition was demolished, diverted from the landfill and recycled. This made room for the modern addition, preserved an important community landmark, and significantly reduced the project’s total construction demolition waste.

**HEALTH & SAFETY**—Low- and no-VOC (volatile organic compound) emitting finishes, furniture and other materials were selected for the library. Only products certified by Green Seal® are used to clean the library. These measures contribute to improved indoor air quality.

**BUILDING PROFILE**

Opened in 1908, the East San José Carnegie Branch Library is the last operating public library donated by the Carnegie family in the city. Designated as a City Landmark and listed on the national and state historic registries, it features a renovated historic building and a modern architectural addition.

**FUNCTION**: Branch library offering library services and materials, community rooms, a computer center and study rooms.

**BUILDING SIZE**: 10,220 square feet, one-story

**OPENING DATE**: August 29, 2009

**CERTIFICATION**: LEED® Silver, September 2010

**ARCHITECTS**: Gould Evans Baum Thornley, Inc.

**CONTRACTOR**: Farotte Construction Company, Inc.

**PROJECT MANAGEMENT**: San José Department of Public Works (CFAS)

**FUNDING SOURCES**: San José Construction Excise Tax Fund
San José Library Construction and Conveyance Tax Fund

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EXPLORE GREEN FEATURES AT EAST SAN JOSE CARNEGIE BRANCH LIBRARY

Joyce Cutler Shaw created two art pieces for the library inspired by local birds and natural elements in the neighborhood. “Wall of Birds in Flight” is wall-mounted in the children's area, and “Lightlines” is a mobile sculpture hung from the main lobby ceiling.

Extensive natural lighting is used throughout the library. A variety of areas are available for use by patrons including the Market Place, Children’s Area, Technology Center, Internet Café, Teen Room, Living Room, and Community Room for special programs and meetings.

The original library, now housing a community classroom, is on the National Register of Historic Places. It is also listed with the City’s Historic Landmarks Commission.

AWARDS

- 2010 Citation Award as a Distinguished Building in the adaptive re-use/renovation project category, from the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the American Institute of Architects
- 1990 National Register of Historic Places
- 1977 San Jose Designated Historic City Landmark

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