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St. Matthews Library receives AIA Kentucky design award



LOUISVILLE (September 23, 2019) – Louisville already knew that the newly expanded St. Matthews Library had a spectacular design, but now it’s official. The branch has just received a **2019 AIA Kentucky Honor Award**—the highest recognition given by the Kentucky Society of Architects.

With 7,800 square feet of additional space, the now 19,000-square-foot St. Matthews Library—located at 3940 Grandview Avenue—houses more than 70,000 books and is one of the busiest in the Louisville Free Public Library system. The renovation of the branch was spearheaded by St. Matthews Mayor Richard Tonini and the St. Matthews City Council as part of a comprehensive \$10 million project to remodel the St. Matthews city hall and police headquarters. Louisville Metro Government contributed \$1 million towards the library portion of the project.

“Louisville deserves libraries that not only provide world-class access to ideas and information, but also inspire,” said Louisville Mayor Greg Fischer. “We are thrilled to have the St. Matthews branch included among this community’s growing list of award-winning library facilities.”

“The members of the St. Matthews City Council and I wanted to create a library that not only benefits current residents but residents for generations to come,” said St. Matthews Mayor Richard Tonini. “It is a beautiful space for individuals to expand their intellectual horizons, a place where families can spend time together researching faraway places, and for groups to utilize the conference rooms. We dreamed big and then found a way to make this important community resource happen.”

The Southwest Regional Library design team included Studio Kremer Architects of Louisville, along with staff from the City of St. Matthews and the Louisville Free Public Library.

If You Visit

The St. Matthews Library hours are: Sunday: 1–5 p.m., Monday–Thursday: 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Friday and Saturday: 10 a.m.–5 p.m. The library hosts a variety of free programs, classes, and events every month for adults and youth including weekly storytimes. Search the library’s online calendar at LFPL.org/events for upcoming program dates and times.