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Middletown Library receives 2022 AIA Kentucky Merit Award



LOUISVILLE (October 21, 2022) – Louisville’s newest library was already a winner with residents, but now the Middletown Library is a statewide award winner too. Last night, the 5,200-square-foot library, located on Shelbyville Road in the heart of Middletown, received a **2022 American Institute of Architects (AIA) Kentucky Merit Award**, presented by the Kentucky Society of Architects. The Middletown Library was one of only eight architectural designs singled out for recognition in the state.

Here is what the jury had to say about the project:

“The team was given little yet were able to achieve so much. The open plan and vaulting ceilings allow light to flow deeply into the cavernous spaces. By juxtaposing the existing gabled roof forms with curved interior vaults, a new spatial experience is created, one that is delightful and unexpected. The restrained material palette allows the focus to be on the ethereal play of daylighting, which enlivens and transforms the space. The scale is just right, and the details of the furnishings and accessories further elaborate on the unique geometry working harmoniously in a holistic way. The space is truly inspirational, as any library should be.”

The Middletown Library opened at its current location in November 2021. The project included an extensive renovation of the existing City of Middletown-owned building, with funding from Louisville Metro Government. The design team included JRA Architects of Louisville and Louisville Free Public Library staff.

If You Visit

Middletown Library is located at 12556 Shelbyville Road. Hours of operation are: Monday–Thursday, 10 a.m.–9 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., and closed Sunday. The library hosts a variety of free programs, classes, and events every month for adults and youth including weekly storytimes and monthly book discussions. Search the library’s online calendar at www.LFPL.org/events for upcoming program dates and times.

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