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### **Bozeman Public Library**

The new Bozeman Public is located adjacent to two of the greatest assets of downtown Bozeman—Lindley Park and the Main Street district. Capturing delightful views into the spruce-filled landscape of the park on the east, the main two-level library space creates a dynamic space that fosters introspection and community. A landscaped plaza serves as one of the great civic spaces in Bozeman. Reconstruction of the Old Milwaukee Depot has been master planned on the south end of the site. The design strived to develop a contemporary statement that was also complementary to the historic masonry architecture of Main Street and the grain elevators in the immediate area. Its success can also be measured by the fact that the number of local Library card holders has more than doubled since the facility has opened in 2006.

The project was a model for community integration during the design process. Three separate public integration meetings were held during the design process that facilitated public discussion and the incorporation of the participants' ideas. A major goal was met in becoming a display venue for local artists. The banners on the north elevation and the interactive entrance to the Children's Library in particular were both the result of actual design competitions by local artists.

The project has achieved a LEED Silver level certification. Sustainable strategies such as natural daylighting, night flushing, low-water-use fixtures, materials with high recycled content and a 18 kW photovoltaic electrical generation system will make this one of the most environmentally sensitive projects in the country.