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Stapleton Branch of the New York Public Library

Staten Island, NY

Architect: Andrew Berman Architect
Clients: New York Public Library; NYC Department of Design + Construction

The expansion of the Stapleton Library seamlessly blends the brick and stone 1907 Carnegie Library, designed by Carrère and Hastings, with a new light-filled wood and glass 7,000-square-foot addition. While maintaining its historic character, the original 5,000-square-foot library has been restored, upgraded, and repurposed as a children's reading room. The new section is lined with collections for teens and adults, and has open yet separate areas that serve as reading rooms and lounges. In the center is a glass-enclosed multipurpose community room for special events. The new structure is framed with glue-laminated timber, with a glazed façade applied to the structural posts, leaving the beauty of the wood visible to patrons and passersby.

◀ Jury: "We liked its minimal approach. Well fabricated, but in its modesty, it is very well resolved."

ANDREW BERMAN ARCHITECT
DESIGN TEAM: Andrew D. Berman, FAIA, Dan Misri, RA, Vinci So

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT:
WRT New York

STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:
Gilsanz Murray Stefficek

M/E/P ENGINEER:
IP Group Engineers

CIVIL ENGINEER:
Langan Engineering

LIGHTING DESIGN:
Cline Bettridge Bernstein

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
NYC Department of Design + Construction

GENERAL CONTRACTOR:
Plaza Construction

Jury: "This is a precise renovation. It would be nice to see every pier look this way." ▶

H3 HARDY COLLABORATION
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STRUCTURAL ENGINEER:
Weidlinger Associates

UNDERWATER SYSTEMS ENGINEERS: DSM Engineering Associates; Envar Services

M/E/P ENGINEER: AKF

CIVIL ENGINEER: KS Engineers

LIGHTING DESIGN:
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SUSTAINABILITY CONSULTANT:
Viridian Energy & Environmental

HISTORIC-PRESERVATIONIST:
Building Conservation Associates

CODE CONSULTANT:
William Vitacco Associates

CONSTRUCTION MANAGER:
LiRo Program & Construction Management



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Pier A Restoration and Adaptive Reuse

New York, NY

Architect: H3 Hardy Collaboration Architecture
Client: Battery Park City Authority

Pier A, constructed in 1836 at the southern tip of Manhattan, is a designated New York City Landmark and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The oldest functioning pier in the city, it sat vacant and deteriorating for decades. An extensive remediation and restoration focused on preserving the character of the 38,700-square-foot building, consisting of a three-story head house and a two-story pier-shed, while renovating it to accommodate future commercial tenants. Historic elements such as wood trim, stair railings, doors, iron structural brackets, and pilaster moldings were salvaged, restored, and reused. New elements include flooring, elevator, staircase, roof, and access ramps. Sustainable features, expected to meet at least LEED Silver certification, include geothermal heating and air conditioning.

Editor's Note: Green Light Studios is responsible for the fit-out for restaurants and other public amenities that will be available when Pier A opens to the public this year.