

Redwood Library

Renovation

Newport, Rhode Island



The Building:

The Redwood Library is the oldest lending library and the longest continuously operating library in in the United States. It was designed by Peter Harrison, in 1748. Its classical architectural style was a first of its kind for the new world. It has been expanded several times and now stands as a 25,000 square feet national historic landmark.

Nature of Firm's Responsibility:

Landmark Facilities Group, Inc. and Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott designed a new expansion for the library. The new space was placed underground to keep the site visually clear with only the historic library visible. The new addition added 10,000 square feet to the library space.