

Adelaide City Council City Library

Year Completed:	2014
Building Area:	1900 sqm
Budget:	\$2.1M

Description

The City Library is a key initiative of the Adelaide City Council to create a welcoming new hub in the heart of the Rundle Mall retail shopping precinct.

Libraries of the future need the ability and agility to keep pace with the changing demands of their communities. The library has a people focussed strategy with community at its centre. The 'plug into the pop up' design aims to encourage disengaged people to participate and 'plug into' their community by providing an ever changing and welcoming platform. Based upon a metaphor, "Origami - One Element with many forms", the design enables the City Library to showcase a built environment which is an evolving, flexible, event and exhibition community orientated space. The design supports education, co-creation, creativity and social amenity in the city. The layout of the library is intended to provide spaces that can be re-configured to suit exhibitions, performances, seminars, pop up events, readings and meetings for both small and large gatherings. The space encourages user interaction and intervention so that people can create the spaces they need and want to be in. The concept supports the formation of a self motivating, vibrant and engaging space, through a well curated programme of diverse activities, which utilises multi-media tools. The library, set in the centre of the City precinct is a haven and retreat, and continues to grow lifelong learning and knowledge sharing ideals.

The library recently was awarded the 2013 FSC (Forrest Stewardship Council) Sustainability Award for Innovation in Design.

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