

Sannwald, William W. *Checklist of library building design consideration, 5<sup>th</sup> editions*. Chicago, IL : American Library Association, 2009. 211 p. ISBN: 978-0-8389-0978-2.

Fourteen chapters provide a step by step checklist for the process of either building a new facility or remodeling an existing one. The members of a building design team, whether librarians and staff, architects, or administrators will find the checklist format of the book easy to use. This new 5<sup>th</sup> edition has been reviewed, revised, and updated to include new chapters on “Sustainable Design” (water efficiency, materials, indoor air quality); “Telecommunications, Electrical and Miscellaneous Equipment” (wireless technology); behavioral aspects of how patrons will use the space; and my favorite, graffiti prevention and removal.

When new library construction or renovation is in the works, many seemingly unrelated outside influences converge and can present a formidable challenge: the library’s mission; population; demographics; the mix of products and services offered; location; finances; green building practices and sustainable design. *Checklist* is applicable for use by academic, public, school, and special libraries.

Sannwald’s book offers not only a well researched and comprehensive checklist, but also outside sources with websites of information for consultations, such as the Association of College and Research Libraries’ Standards for Libraries in Higher Education, and ACRL / LAMA Guide for Architects, Guide for Planning Higher Education Library Spaces. *Checklist* also offers a few thoughts for consideration under the section “Alternatives to new construction.”

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