



# New Landmark Libraries

## *A Way* to Start Your Next Project

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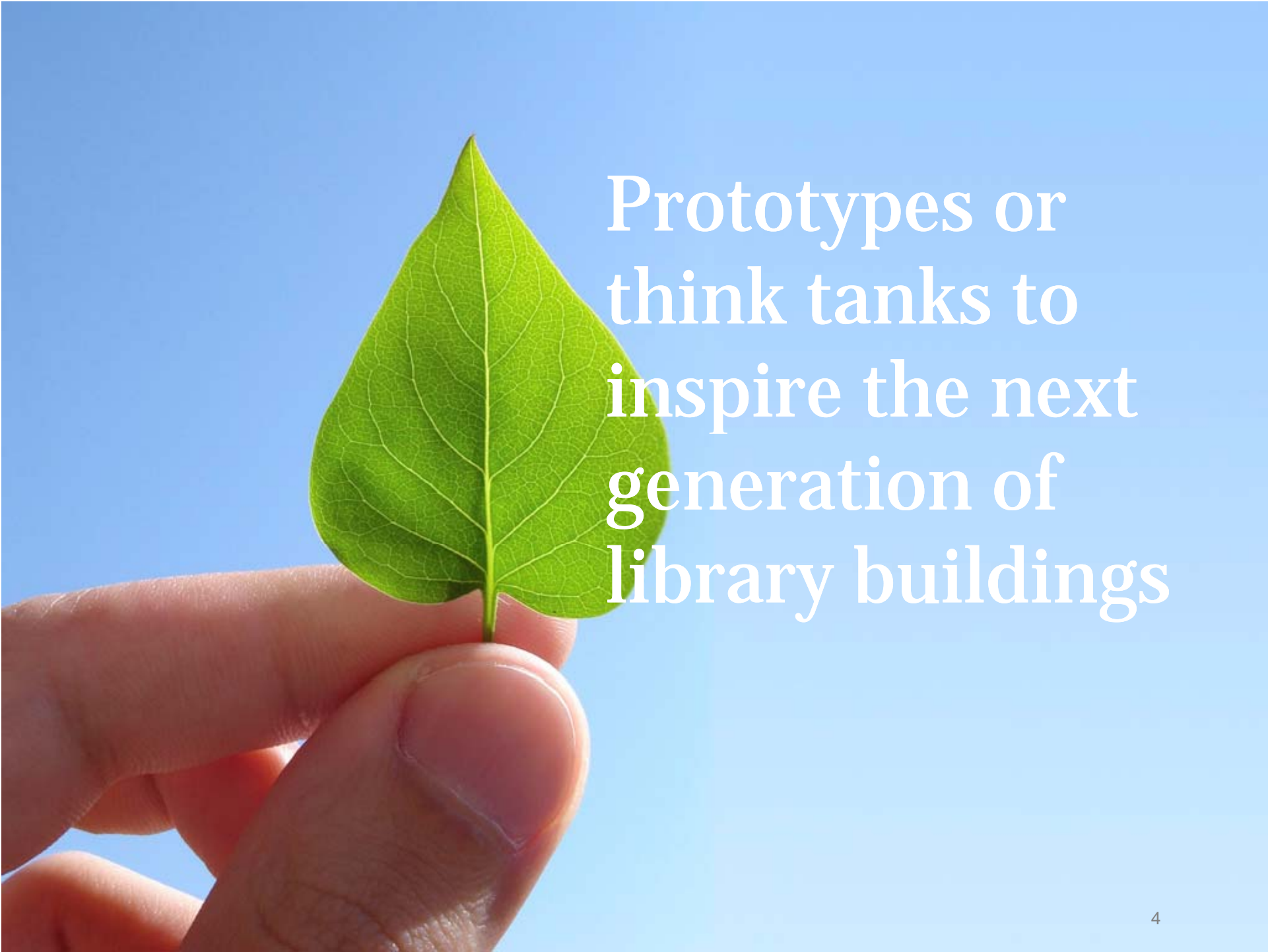


Where is the next idea?

A hand is shown holding a single, vibrant green leaf against a clear blue sky. The leaf is held between the thumb and index finger, with the stem pointing downwards. The leaf's veins are clearly visible, and it has a slightly pointed shape. The background is a solid, bright blue sky.

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“The New Icons”

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Prototypes or  
think tanks to  
inspire the next  
generation of  
library buildings



# How?

1. US libraries
2. New, renovations, major expansions
3. 5 year window
4. Panel of judges
5. Open submissions
6. Online scoring

# Criteria?

1. Overall design & construction excellence
2. Response to community context and constraints
3. Sustainability
4. Functionality
5. Innovation
6. Beauty and delight

# Results?



1. 10 winners
2. 10 honorable mentions

# The View from Here...



Appaloosa Branch Library, Scottsdale, AZ



# Trends from NLLs

1. Get greener
2. Flex for unfolding future
3. Use fewer and smaller service points
4. Win with self-service
5. Think collaboration
6. Borrow from museums
7. Be more retail like
8. Apply a minimalist ethic
9. Save the neighborhood





# Poplar Creek Public Library

Streamwood, IL

Architect: Frye Gillian  
Molinaro

Year: 2009

Major expansion

Main Library

96,846 sq ft

66,639 pop. served



*From Eyesore  
to Eye-Catcher*

# Phoenix Public Library: **Palo Verde Library/ Maryvale Community Center**

Phoenix, AZ

Architect: Gould Evans  
Associates + Wendell Burnette  
Architects

Year: 2006

New construction

Branch +community center

16,000 sq ft library

27,000 sq ft community center

148,719 pop. served



*Reinvigorating  
a Community*



# Phoenix Public Library: Cesar Chavez Branch



Laveen, AZ

Architect: Line and Space, LLC

Year: 2007

New construction

25,234 sq ft library

62,866 pop. served



*A Living Room  
on the Lake*

# Gwinnett County Library System- **Hamilton Mill Branch**



Dacula, Georgia

Architect: Precision  
Planning, Inc.

Year: 2010

New construction

20,805 sq ft

44,594 pop. served



*Blessed by  
Location,  
Elevated by Art*





## **Durango Public Library**

Durango, Colorado

Architect: Barker Rinker Seacat

Year: 2008

New construction

Main Library

42,000 sq ft

51,600 pop. served



*Setting a New Gold Standard*

# King County Library System- **Sammamish Library**



Sammamish, Washington

Architect: Perkins & Will

Year: 2010

New construction

Branch

20,000 sq ft

45,790 pop. served



*Heart of a New  
Downtown*



# Scottsdale Public Library- Appaloosa Branch



Scottsdale, Arizona

Architect: DWL Architects  
and Planners, Inc.

Year: 2009

New construction

21,242 sq ft

72,000 pop. served



*Shimmer of  
Green in the  
Desert*

# Phoenix Public Library- **Agave Library**



Glendale, Arizona  
Architect: will bruder  
PARTNERS  
Year: 2009  
New construction  
Branch  
25,410 sq ft  
40,000 pop. served



*How the West  
Was Won*



# Ramsey County Public Library- **Roseville Library**



Roseville, Minnesota

Architect: Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle Ltd.

Year: 2010

Major expansion

Branch

74,175 sq ft

48,860 pop. served



*Pop Goes the Library!*



# Rangeview Library District- **Anythink Wright Farms**



Thornton, Colorado  
Architect: Humphries Poli  
Architects

Year: 2010

New construction

Main library

45,000 sq ft

117,000 pop. served



*The Cure for  
Any Identity  
Crisis*

# Ten more that will inspire

1. Anacostia Library
2. Eastern Avenue Branch
3. Kilton Public Library
4. Library! At Cole & Ustick
5. Maple Grove Library
6. Mission Bay Branch
7. Plainsboro Public Library
8. Richmond/Senator Milton Marks Branch
9. Westhampton Free Library
10. White Tank Branch Library and Nature Center



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**INEXT!**

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