



Craigmillar Public Library, UK



The Craigmillar Library was an exceptionally special project as partnered with the East Neighbourhood Centre, it has brought renewed hope and spirit to an area which is seeing renewed investment. The project sees many services brought under one roof, and we were called on to design and deliver all areas.

Once school is out, this library is jumping! Testament that the youth area, 'Our Space' (which takes up 50% of the floor space), is certainly the highlight of the library. Split into 3 user groups, each area has its own branded identity – 'Cuddlebook Corner' (0 – 5 years), 'RAD to ReAD' (6 – 11 years) and 'Libraries 4 U'. The skate ramp reading unit is a bespoke piece that we are particularly pleased with and naturally encourages users to take a seat and slouch back with a book in hand.

The key objectives for the general lending library were 'variation' and 'face-on display'. This allowed us to use our new 'Expo' shelving and 'Show it' display units, along with a mix of straight and radius library shelving. A host of bespoke items, from the staff counter to buggy park, graphics package to RFID housing, were also commissioned and give the space the point of difference we set out to achieve.

Moving away from the library, the customer service enquiry point was designed so that each terminal facilitates private discussion. The community engagement space utilises high-backed acoustic sofas to create break-out meeting spaces. And graphics significant to the area were used in the meeting rooms to give a local touch.

This project allowed us to showcase our skillset beyond library design and the resultant outcome has us beaming with pride.

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Don't take our word for it...

We are delighted with our new centre which reflects the very best design and quality for our customers. thedesignconcept worked as a trusted partner who understood the complexities of delivering multiple services in one fantastic venue. I would recommend them to anyone who wants to deliver a project fit for the 21st Century.

*Liz McGettigan
Libraries and Information Services Manager*

We most recently worked with thedesignconcept on the brand new East Neighbourhood Centre and Craigmillar Library and have also worked with them on the refurbishment and modernisation of both Portobello and Piershill Libraries. Our contract demands primarily focus on quality and delivering innovative solutions that incorporate customer feedback, and enabled service development.

thedesignconcept's professional input included the design, production and installation of innovative and specialist furniture options, storage and all finishing touches including signage, graphics, internal and external banners etc. They also had input on the overarching East Neighbourhood Centre including the supply and installation for the building's reception, cash room, conference suite and public meeting rooms. Feedback on completion of the project has been positive both from service providers, customers and library users.

*Mary Dunbar
Partnership and Information Manager*

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