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*"You can never get a cup of tea large enough  
or a book long enough to suit me"*  
C.S. Lewis

# DENNY LIBRARY IN FALKIRK

CASE STUDY



Interior design by Iain Hislop from  
our design office in Glasgow.

## “The centrepiece of the town”

### Denny Library in Falkirk, UK

In November 2016 the new Denny Library opened its doors. The design concept created a bright, welcoming, modern library for the people of Falkirk.

*“Libraries are no longer just about books and we believe that we have created a dynamic environment for leisure and learning relevant for the digital age”*

- Lesley O'Hare – Culture and Libraries Manager.

As part of a £7.6 million regeneration project, with the library being the centrepiece, the modernised library is entirely flexible to facilitate the library's busy events and activities schedule that is now available to the community.

The new space includes: a community room, informal seating and an incredible children's area that has an undeniable WOW factor.



Creating an undeniable WOW factor, the Children's area in Denny Library is vibrant and welcoming. Bespoke 3D graphics and acrylics make the area unmissable. Soft seating encourages parents to join the young ones and have some fun. Left: Residents and council members celebrate the opening at the 3D tree archway. Right: Elephant shaped seats and brightly coloured kids kinderboxes encourage children to make themselves comfortable and fall in love with reading, and the library itself.



Main picture: The teen space works in contrast to the children's area, and has a very modern feel with great design aspect. Bespoke black and green Cocoon furniture and high backed sofas make the space feel like a home from home.  
Top right: Council members and Denny residents try out the Cocoon!  
Bottom row: An overview of the teen space is in the corner of the library where a PC bank is also readily available for all users.



*Main picture and top right: Soft seating can be found in all areas of the library, encouraging visitors to take a seat, make themselves comfortable and enjoy their surroundings.  
Middle and bottom right: Colour is even added to the windows which sees the library filled with a colourful glow when the sun streams through.*



Top left: Neon topped book tower and expo display stand made in complementary colours.

Top right: Mikado units create fantastic displays at the entrance and soft seating can be found throughout the library.

Bottom: Coloured shelves, inserts and wedges can be seen throughout the shelving system and bespoke graphics in the form of literary quotes can be seen on the walls.

“ We chose the Design Concept to help us deliver the new library at Denny because their interpretation of our original brief really had the wow factor.

The whole team have been really easy to work with, and have a real in depth knowledge of what a modern public library should look like. However they also listened to our ideas and were able to adapt the original design to fit the space appropriately as the project progressed.

All the furniture and shelving is flexible and can be easily moved, so the space is future proofed and can be adapted for different activities. I am particularly pleased that the finished design has been able to incorporate so many of the ideas from the extensive public consultation process that was carried out.

We are extremely proud of our new library. It is a bright welcoming modern space that bursts with colour. We look forward to welcoming customers old and new to this wonderful new facility.”

Vikki Ring  
Development Librarian  
Falkirk Community Trust



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