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Koelbel Public Library

Arapahoe Library District, Colorado

Client	• Arapahoe Library District
Contact	• Eloise May, Executive Director • 303.798.2444
Contractor	• Saunders Construction, John Beeble • 303.699.9000
Budget	• \$4.1 million
Completion	• 1992
Renovation	• 2002 (\$400,000)

The Arapahoe Library District wanted a traditional building to recall the historic character of the Carnegie libraries. At the same time they recognized that libraries are changing, becoming the information and community centers of the future. A combination of brick and stone was chosen for the exterior because of its traditional, associative historical qualities and because of its durability and permanence. The mix of materials was intended to create an interactive, invigorating atmosphere of a supermarket for information.

Murals are used in the rotunda, children's area and the grand staircase which give a sense of timelessness and quality.



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