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**Centennial Library Expansion Receives Architecture Award**

Anoka County's Centennial Library, located in Circle Pines, received a Merit Award June 15 from the American Institute of Architects Minnesota (AIA), for its renovation and expansion, which was completed last year. LEO A DALY is the firm that oversaw the project.

AIA's Merit Awards encompass the views of business professionals, real estate developers, community advocates, and academic leaders in addition to architects. The Merit Awards were established to recognize projects by architects that tell the story of excellence beyond design, emphasize public-interest design and embrace the varied forces that shape a building.

Planning for the Centennial Library's renovation and expansion project was years in the making and almost doubled the size of the building. The new library features a bigger children's area, a large meeting room, several smaller conference rooms, an outdoor learning space and an "IQ kitchen," which is a multipurpose area that serves as a demonstration kitchen and a space that can be used for various projects.

"This award is a confirmation of the community-focused vision for the Centennial Library," said Anoka County Commissioner Robyn West, liaison to the Library Board. "The new library is beautiful and functional, and it'll be an asset to the community for years to come."

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