The new Tec library receives best-in-the-world design accolade

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The new Tecnológico de Monterrey library on the **Monterrey campus** has received the award for best interior design of an academic library at the Library Interior Design Awards, presented by the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and the **American Library Association (ALA).**

The Tec library project was entered into the **Academic Library category** (over 30,000 sq. ft), in which the Alfred R. Goldstein Library in Sarasota, Florida, also received an award.

Winners of the 2018 ALA/IIDA Library Interior Design Awards

Academic Libraries - Over 30,000 sq. ft.

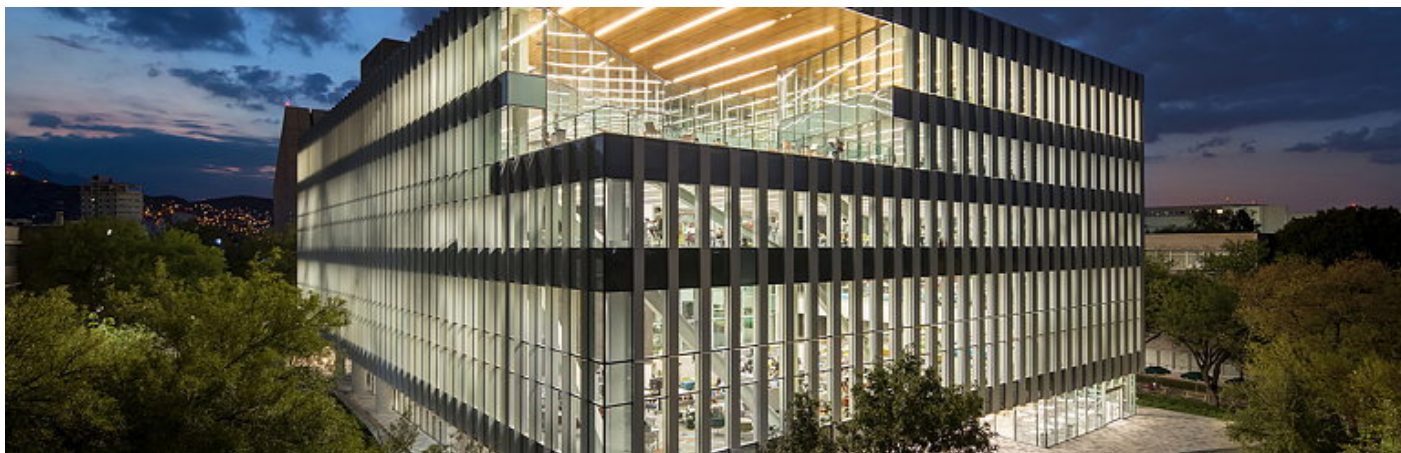**Project**: Tecnológico de Monterrey New Main Library, Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, MX
Firm: Sasaki, Watertown, Massachusetts, US

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*"**Libraries** are constantly evolving to meet the needs of changing communities and patrons who are looking not only for technological capabilities, but also to be **inspired, educated, and even entertained",** said IIDA ejective vice president Chereyl S. Durst when explaining the **importance**

of these awards.

*"We are proud to partner with **ALA** to recognize design solutions that support the many uses of libraries today,"* she added.

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A STATE-OF-THE-ART LIBRARY

The **Library** building has a constructed area of 17,300 m2 on six floors.

The **flexibility** of its spaces allows for a great variety of environments to **improve** the learning **experience**.

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Its architectural design, created by Sasaki Associates Inc, GLR Arquitectos, RDLP Arquitectos, and Convirtus, achieves greater interaction between **indoor and outdoor spaces.**

Its outdoor parasols distribute incoming **sunlight**; its transparent windows let in light, but not heat, and are fitted with automated smart blinds.

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It has a capacity of 2,500 users and boasts an **open auditorium**. Its services include the Learning Commons area, a place for learning, collaboration and the full exploitation of digital media.

It also has a cafeteria, a terrace and a selection of conference and exhibition spaces, in addition to a collection of different pieces of furniture for **personal** or **collaborative study.**

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THE NEW LIBRARY IN NUMBERS:

Capacity:
2,500 users
Before: 1,848 users

Auditorium
140 people
Before: 0

Points of access: 4

- 1 entrance off the Library hallway
- 1 entrance through the faculty garden
- 2 entrances from the inside courtyard and classrooms

The new Library meets universal accessibility criteria

Before:
Only entrance off the Library hallway

Book capacity (general archive)
350,000
Before: 250,000

Total constructed surface area
17,300 m2
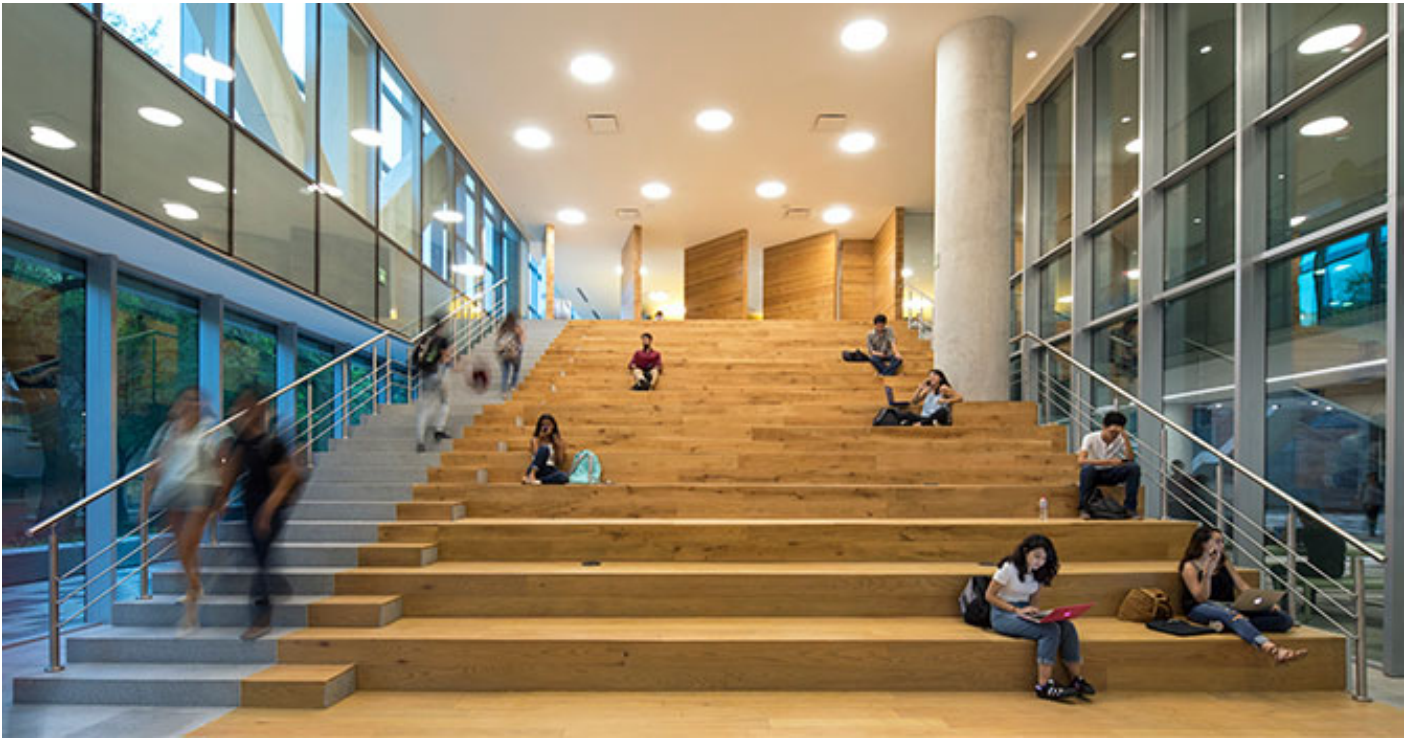Before: 11,230 m2

Floors
6
Before: 4

Learning Commons
3,300 m2
Before: 1,500 m2

Outdoor spaces
200
Before: 95

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