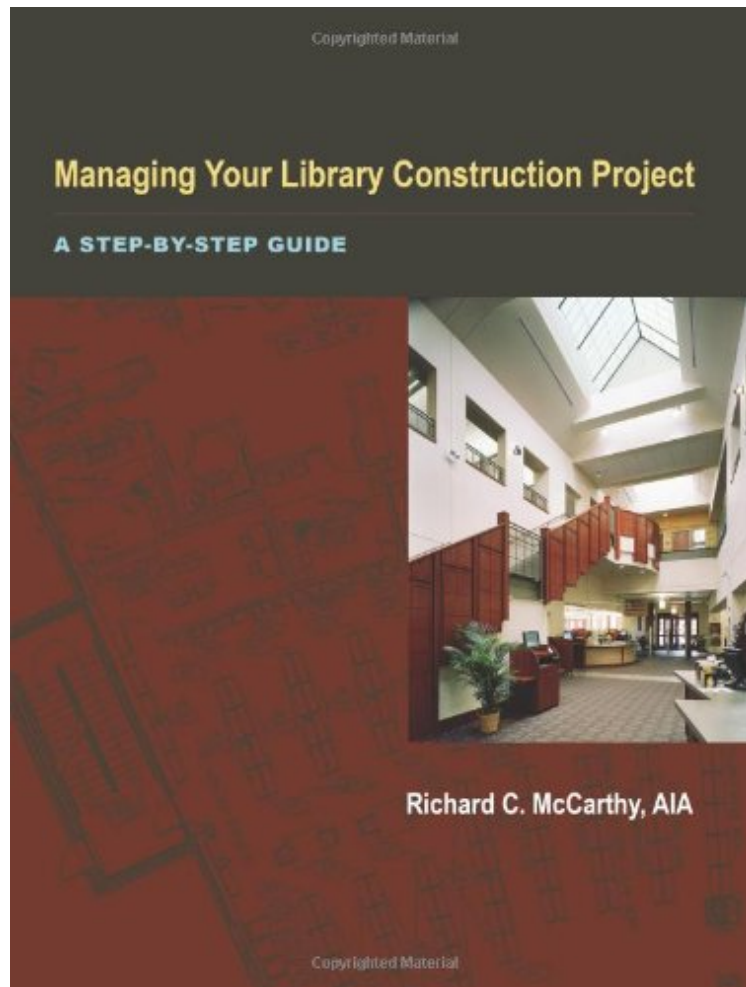


# Managing Your Library Construction Project

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concerned; when and how the deliverables get enumerated; how to create a realistic budget for new library construction; and even how to incorporate 'green' design factors to make libraries as environmentally friendly as possible in their construction and subsequent operation. Enhanced with checklists and sample construction documents, and covering every aspect of library construction from initial plans, to working with architects, to evaluating processes and results, "Managing Your Library Construction Project" should be considered a 'must read' for library directors, staff members, administrators, board members, and trustees before undertaking a library construction project of any size.

Library building projects leave a legacy for decades, with one chance to get it right. Those with access to a trustworthy expert who can explain the process in step-by-step terms will have the best chance to make their projects succeed. Expert author McCarthy is an architect with in-depth expertise building libraries as well as an 18-year veteran library trustee. He communicates the challenges and opportunities from both sides of the table. This authoritative overview is filled with practical advice to understand key relationships and manage a complex process. Library directors, professionals, administrators, and trustees will get expert answers to their questions: Who does what, and by when? What are the responsibilities on both sides? When and how do deliverables get enumerated? How do you create a realistic budget for new library construction? Are there secrets to sustainable green design in the library? Checklists and sample construction documents provide hands-on insights into the best practices in library construction and tools to do the job. From deciding on new construction, analyzing the site, to working with architects, evaluating the process and assessing the building's effectiveness, *Managing Your Library's Construction Project* is an inspirational and comprehensive must-have reference.

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