

Medialibrary

Location: La Madeleine, France
Architects: TANK

The existing building, facing the market place, provides the entrance and the public space. It has a hall, an auditorium, an exhibition space, a cafeteria and a pedagogic workshop. This reception area naturally leads people to another universe which is much quieter - the extension. The timber ceiling punctuated by skylights seems to float above the ground. This is the main reading room that opens to the sky and adjacent streets and garden. The room has been designed with roof variations which extend and compress the area, giving a more personal space. The result is a calm and peaceful atmosphere inviting people into the library.

The building covers almost the entire land. Nine triangulated sheds were placed on a regular frame of columns, covered with glass oriented to the North to catch a soft and diffused light. The roof was adapted to its environment and opens onto the urban landscape and garden. It folds softly down to guide water and pour it into the garden through three gargoyles. The 90 timber facets are used to create a variety of spaces in a fully open and flexible place.

The Library was designed by the architects TANK, Olivier Camus and Lydéric Veauvy and uses polished stainless steel sheets for the roof and façade, in conjunction with large panels of plate glass.



Details

Environment:	urban
Grade:	304L/1.4301
Surface:	Uginox Rolled-On
Material thickness:	0.5 mm
Date of completion:	2013
More information:	uginox.com



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