



INDEPENDENCE LIBRARY & APARTMENTS

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This hybrid library/affordable housing project in Chicago combines a 16,000-square-foot branch library with a 44-unit affordable apartment complex for seniors. The two-story library element is slid forward on the site to the street to foreground its public nature, while the residential block, which hovers above, is set back from the street.



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All apartments feature brightly colored balconies recessed into the façade that speak to individuality amidst the collective, enabling residents to identify their house from the street in a conscious attempt to transcend the brutal pragmatism that has characterized Chicago's past efforts in this area.

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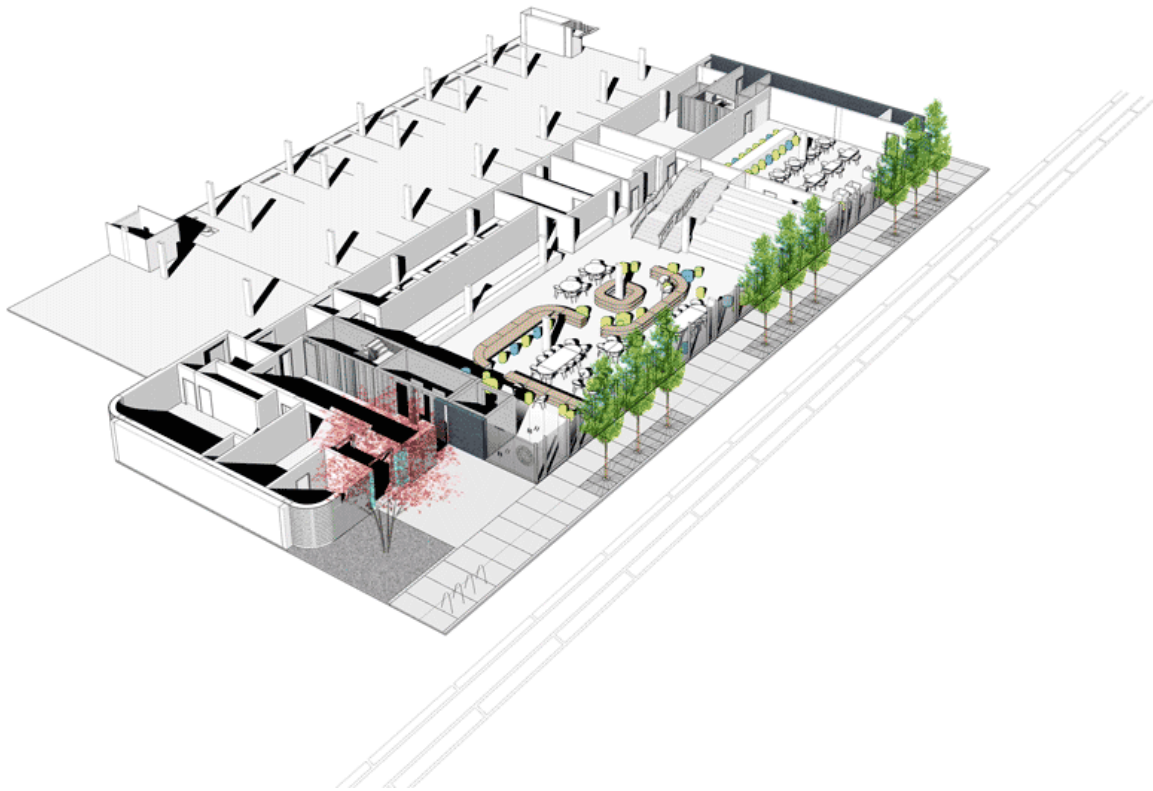


Sustainable design elements include a green roof, storm water management, daylighting and passive ventilation.

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