



We understand libraries.

Our world has gone through tremendous changes in recent years and libraries have had to evolve to respond to these changes. Libraries are now critical infrastructure where anyone can access technology, continuous learning, and community.

The fundamental principles of libraries—that all are welcome, and services are free—stand out as a unique and powerful model in our democratic society.

Noll & Tam partners with clients to gain a deep understanding of their needs and create 21st Century libraries focused on patrons and staff and the places they need for work, study, learning, and collaboration.





SERVICES WE PROVIDE



VISIONING & PLANNING

- Early Programming & Visioning
- Master Planning
- Needs Assessments & Feasibility Studies
- Existing Building Evaluation
- Cost Studies
- Community Engagement
- Staff Engagement
- Visualizations & Support for Fundraising Efforts

ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES

- New, Ground-Up Buildings
- Renovations & Additions
- Historic Renovation
- Seismic Retrofits
- Sustainable Design & Zero Net Energy Buildings
- Renderings & 3d Presentations

INTERIOR DESIGN

- Furniture & Finish Refreshes
- Furniture Design, Specification, & Procurement Support

CAPITOLA LIBRARY

Noll & Tam worked with Santa Cruz Public Libraries and the City of Capitola to design the new Capitola Library. A strong public outreach process, with presentations and discussions with the community, client stakeholder group, and at City Council meetings, helped us develop the right program and library for the community and the neighborhood. The new library includes flexible, modern spaces in a building that feels unique to Capitola. Given the City's natural setting and beauty, the design incorporates quiet, outdoor reading spaces and a pedestrian connection to the nearby creek. The 11,700 SF library opened in June 2021.









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FELTON LIBRARY

Noll & Tam worked with Santa Cruz Public Libraries and Teall Messer Architect on a new library for the community of Felton, a small town in the Santa Cruz mountains. We designed the interior spaces, furniture and finishes for this 9,000 SF branch that offers modern library services, along with a larger collection, group study space, areas for teens and children, and a courtyard. The rustic-industrial design character reflects Felton's history as a logging community. The wall-mounted and suspended hand-blown glass butterfly art installation designed by local artist Lea de Wit brings a playfulness and whimsy to this bright new branch.









HALF MOON BAY LIBRARY

Noll & Tam worked with the City of Half Moon Bay on the design of a new 22,000 SF library that replaced an existing 7,285 SF facility. The library, a regional branch of San Mateo County Libraries, is a hub of community activity that caters to all age ranges and diverse user needs. Noll & Tam's design honors the coastal and agricultural roots of the community, while serving current and future technology needs. The library features daylight interior spaces, outdoor reading plazas, acoustically separated areas for teen activities, and a flexible maker space. The library opened in 2018, is certified LEED Platinum, and is operating as Zero Net Energy.









HAYWARD LIBRARY & COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER

Noll & Tam Architects designed this new three-story library located on an urban site adjacent to the City's main downtown park. An innovative resource for Hayward's diverse community, the 58,000 SF library includes expanded classrooms and educational spaces for an adult learning center and a homework center. It is one of the largest Zero Net Energy public libraries in the country and includes a rainwater catchment system that will save and recycle 500,000 gallons of water per year. In terms of design, sustainability, and service delivery, this is truly a 21st Century Library.











REFERENCE

PERIODICALS



LOS GATOS LIBRARY

Nestled at the foot of a wooded hillside across from historic Pageant Park, the new 30,000 SF Los Gatos Library is a centerpiece for the Town's Civic Center. Noll & Tam's design takes its inspiration from the lantern, which in architectural terms suggests an open structure of light material. Glazing, skylights, and louvers optimize daylight; at night, white and colored artificial illumination allows views into the building. Completed in 2012, the library is certified LEED Gold and has become a very popular destination for teens after school.









NAPA COUNTY LIBRARY MAIN BRANCH RENOVATION

The \$2.5M remodel of the Napa Main Branch Library addressed administration and circulation areas and paid special attention to the Children's area. Noll & Tam expanded the storytime space and added new lighting and ceiling features to support a "forest of books" theme, introduced by a much-loved existing mural on the wall. A new entry feature creates a welcoming portal into the updated 4,000 SF Children's Area.





BEFORE RENOVATION





SANTA CLARA MISSION BRANCH LIBRARY

Noll & Tam completed the remodel and expansion of the Mission Branch Library in Santa Clara. Working collaboratively with library staff and patrons, Noll & Tam created a design which updates the library's exterior and interior while also improving accessibility and energy efficiency, increasing access to technology, and creating a modern, vibrant space that reflects the community. We updated the Community Room, Reading Room, kitchen, restrooms, staff area, mechanical room, server room, and existing exterior patios and pathways. The expansion includes four new study rooms and a new patio adjacent to the Community Room.







BEFORE RENOVATION



2019 AIA/ALA Library Building
Award Winner



Library Design Leaders



**CHRIS NOLL, FAIA, LEED AP
PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT**

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A licensed architect with more than 40 years of experience, Chris has led all of Noll & Tam's public library projects. Chris is actively involved in library professional organizations and engages in research about future trends in library facilities and service delivery methods.

CALIFORNIA REGISTRATION

Licensed Architect #C15916

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Hayward Library & Community Learning Center
Half Moon Bay Library
Albina & North Portland Branch Libraries,
Portland, OR
Los Gatos Library
Capitola Library



**TRINA GOODWIN, LEED AP
INTERIORS ARCHITECT**

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Trina offers the unique perspective of an architect and interior designer specializing in space planning and FF&E. She designs spaces that respond to the needs of library staff and patrons, focusing on highly durable finishes and materials that are attractive yet hold up to heavy use.

CALIFORNIA REGISTRATION

Licensed Architect #C21806

RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Hayward Library & Community Learning Center
Albina & North Portland Branch Libraries,
Portland, OR
Castro Valley Library
Half Moon Bay Library
Felton Library Interior Design



**JANE CATALANO, IIDA, LEED AP
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Jane has led a number of thoughtful interior library renovations and specified furniture for new libraries that is attractive yet budget conscious. She has experience helping County library organizations develop plans and standards to refresh branches across the system.

ACCREDITATION

National Council for Interior Design Qualification
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RELEVANT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Half Moon Bay Library
Guerneville Library Refresh, Sonoma County
San Mateo County Library Furniture Services
Marin County Free Libraries, Refresh of All Branches



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