

Chichester Library

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The two storey Chichester Library's extension and refurbishment makes it DDA compliant and a lighter, brighter experience for library users. The project was funded by West Sussex County Council as part of a programme of capital improvements throughout the County.

The first thing you notice is that the building is totally circular and virtually all glass. The refurbishment therefore makes best use of natural light streaming through the building from the windows and skylights. Space and function were combined with lower, lighter shelving to guide eyelines through the open space.

We designed the shelving to fit the circular contours of the building and with the library's low level, overhead spotlighting it makes an attractive feature against the natural brick walls. Other free-standing bays were clad in a maple finish and additional stock display included openwork metal media towers and light quick pick browsers. Pebble stools, stylish Sorens sofas and easy seating with chrome legs in a mix of blues, greens and aubergine colours set against the natural brickwork gives the interior a modern, architectural feel, but still paying homage to its sixties heritage.



Feedback shows that the public like the colours, the openness, light and space and the staff like it because it is robust and easy to work in and with.