Libraries are more than just book repositories—they are dynamic centers for education, recreation, and collaborative learning. But are today’s library spaces helping librarians to meet these service needs? The &Spaces Library bridges the intersection of library SERVICES and SPACES to address the changing needs of communities and their demands for information. It is a flexible, adaptable, and responsive model for the library of the future, building on traditional conventions while expanding services to reach new communities.

Dynamic Teen services

Entrance = first point of service

Interactive Children’s services

Areas of enjoyment and recreation

So, how do librarians fit into these spaces? Much as we have married services and spaces within the &Spaces Library, librarians of this model also serve as a reflection of the spaces and users they serve. Librarians in the &Spaces Library are proactive, engaging, and responsive to users’ needs. Work spaces and reference desks are accessible, transparent, and highly visible, centered in the heart of the library. Roving librarians proactively bring services to patrons who are browsing the stacks or working in the information commons.

Breaking barriers by Bringing the inside out and the outside in!