

NEW LIBRARIES in *Old Buildings*



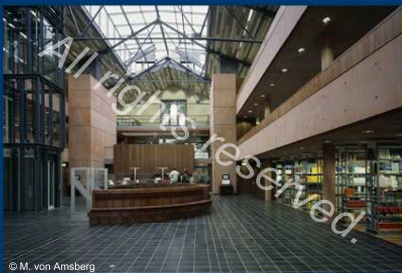
The Recycling of Buildings and Its Influence on the Social Environment

Many libraries are bursting at the seams and therefore need new buildings to be both a social meeting place and a place of learning and knowledge. To avoid new expensive constructions libraries can move into a building with a different prior usage. This process of rededication can bring problems and challenges as well as new possibilities, for example the “genius loci” of the building which can devolve to the library and its users.

Within a class taught at Berlin School of Library and Information Science titled “Turning an Idea into a Book – Turning Theory into Practice” we are going to publish best practice examples in a book which shall serve as compendium, reference book and encouragement for other librarians and architects. For this project we have gathered different examples of recycled buildings.



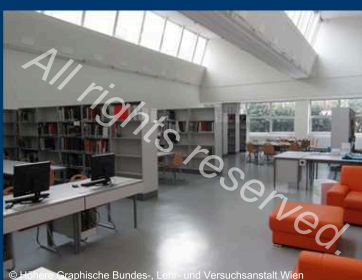
In 2004 the town of Luckenwalde declared the railway building, which was vacant since 1998, as an historical monument. The recycling began in 2007 and the decayed train station was transformed into a new information and meeting point.



On the 11th of September, 2007, the new TFH Wildau school library was placed in a renovated 1921 structure built as a dismantling and heavy equipment hall, and now converted into a cafeteria and learning center.



After built as a farmstead the barn was vacant until 2009, when it was rebuilt as the public library of Weikersheim.



This building which was built in 1968 as a press hall of a teaching printing plant, since 2008 has been the library of the “Höhere Graphische Bundes-, Lehr- und Versuchsanstalt” in Vienna.



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