



**SOUTHEND UNIVERSITY
AND PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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integrated public and academic library
serves the community in Southend.*



The Forum, a four storey, multi-million-pound integrated public and academic library serves the community in Southend, Essex. The project was a joint venture between Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, the University of Essex, and South Essex Council.

WF Education won the tender to fit-out the children's library area and provide shelving for the project. Marion Brook, Operations Manager, Southend Borough Council said, "The WF tender presentation just stood out from the rest, it had the WOW factor, and they were really in tune with what we were thinking."

The WF team's experience of working on another combined and public library – The Hive in Worcester, showed we had the expertise to design and install shared service spaces.

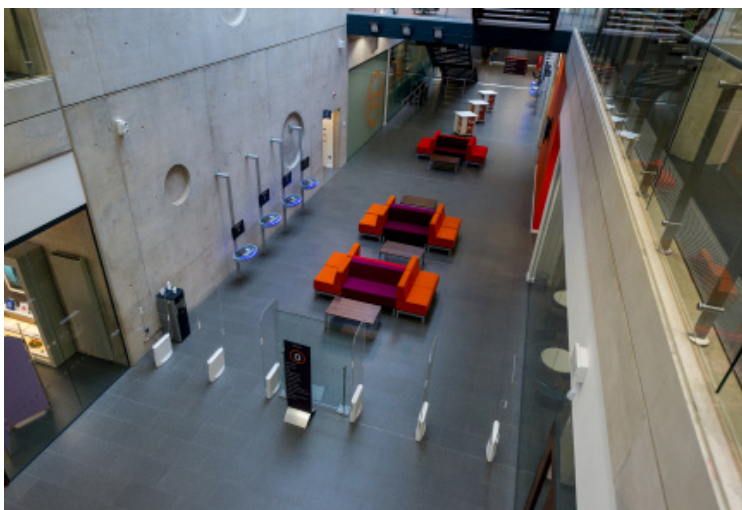
The children's library area is the real jewel in the crown. Marion said, "The layout for the children's space has some magical touches. Everyone is amazed by it – thank you for such a brilliant job!"

Angela Breakey, Library Manager sees the children's library as an important part of their library's reader programme, saying, "these children are our readers of tomorrow and we must look after them."



Our cladded Cantilibra™ shelving makes an impact with a range of graphic and brightly coloured end panels, incorporated into clever layouts which provide designated zones and casual seating areas.

With 150,000 books and materials to be incorporated into the space, planning and logistics were key to successful delivery. The result is a library open seven days a week, buzzing with students and the public.



To discuss your next amazing library space, contact our team for a design consultation.



Designed by
WF Education

The Cantilibra™ solution is designed to showcase the books while maintaining a beautiful aesthetic within the library. Functional, scalable, and designed to last, Cantilibra™ brings a touch of modernism without fighting against the overall environment.

The layout of the spaces has been carefully designed by our design team which considers the surface area, the available space, and the needs of the library staff and patrons.

With choice of colours and materials, the versatility of our system means we have something for every taste and aesthetic. You can customise the shelving with different colours and finishes and add accessories, to create a truly bespoke design.

Our design team will be delighted to discuss your next amazing space.

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