Public Architecture

a model Learning Commons for Portland

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This studio will explore the role of the Library in contemporary society as technology begins to replace the printed word. Traditionally libraries have been community centers as well as custodians of knowledge. Today libraries are reinventing themselves as Learning Commons and finding new ways to serve their communities.

Students will create a new model for the neighborhood branch library. The site will be an archetypal “main street” location in one of Portland’s established commercial neighborhoods. The studio will explore context, placemaking and enclosure and will emulate an integrated design approach.

Becca Cavell & Andrew Schilling of THA will lead this studio with shared teaching responsibilities. Additional THA staff will attend workshops, mid-terms, and final reviews.

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