



MINNEAPOLIS CENTRAL LIBRARY



The challenge in lighting the new Minneapolis Central Library was daunting. The lights would have to complement the breathtaking modern design by world famous architect Cesar Pelli. They also would have to meet the demanding standards of professional librarians and their patrons.

Acuity Brands Lighting delivered a suspended lighting system, with Peerless fixtures that disperse light throughout the whole space, including a custom-designed fixture for areas with low shelves. And the Lithonia Lighting control system helps the library meet its ambitious “green” goals: the building is 30 percent more efficient than required by code.

“We love the new library, and the suspended lighting helps create a warm and friendly feeling,” says Toshiko Yamada-Nevels, a long-time library employee. “The fixtures are wonderful and add to the architectural details, working beautifully with the design.”

The highest compliment of all for the lighting may have come from Cesar Pelli, who declared the new library “luminous.”