

Norrisville Library & Activity Center

Norrisville, Maryland

PROJECT PROFILE



The Norrisville Library & Activity Center provides community services and serves as a focal building for the residents of the Norrisville area. It fulfills this role as an individual entity and as an entry point to a campus of community facilities. The other facilities on this campus include athletic fields, park pavilions and Norrisville

Elementary School. The 13,000 SF activity center includes a gymnasium at one end of the building, a branch library at the other end, and a connecting link containing shared facilities. This link is the main entrance to the building, and is a 'gateway' to the athletic fields beyond the building. The two different functions of the building are clearly articulated in its exterior massing and form. The library is of conventional construction with steep pitched shingled roofs. The gymnasium is a low slope roof pre-engineered metal building.

The library and gymnasium intersect at a massive, masonry fire partition which serves as both a functional and aesthetic element. The masonry construction of this wall is also utilized as a wainscot or base element for the walls of both the library and the gymnasium, serving to unite the composition of disparate forms. Unity is further enhanced by the use of a consistent exterior color palate throughout the scheme. The gymnasium structure is effectively screened by the smaller scale library structure in front, which provides an effective transition to the gymnasium in function and scale.

This is another project in which we creatively and uniquely worked with the client to achieve the vision of the using agencies. The building complements the other buildings and uses on the site and easily becomes a part of the campus.



Client:

Harford County
Public Libraries
1221-A Brass Mill Road,
Belcamp, MD 21017

Project Type:

New Library &
Activity Center

Location:

Norrisville, Maryland

Size:

13,000 SF

Status:

Completed 2000

Role:

Full A/E Services:

- Site Evaluation
- Master Planning
- Construction Cost Projections
- Design
- Construction Documents
- Bidding/Negotiations
- Construction Administration

Cost:

\$ 1,560,000 Construction
\$ 156,568 Design

Reference:

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