

# PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



## Fayette County Public Library

Overdue for a Change, Library Checks Out New Options

### CHALLENGE

The Fayette County Public Library is about 40 miles south of Atlanta, but it is miles ahead of its contemporaries when it comes to facilities and programs. Even so, the building turned a few decades old not long ago and was beginning to show a bit of wear. Packed with more than 130,000 volumes, along with DVDs, CDs and other reference materials, the library does not suffer for resources. What it was in need of is a bit of refreshment. When the library director decided to begin by focusing on one particular room, the challenge was clear: how to transform a room packed with cantilever shelving, aging worktables and a lack of seating into something worthy of checking out.

### SOLUTION

Sometimes, the right solution is as much about “re-imagining” a space as it is reinvesting in products for the space. Often times, it’s a balance of both. By asking the right questions and being able to elicit clear answers, Patterson Pope helped clarify the library’s ambitions. The space, known as “The Georgia Room,” was brought up to date with a mixture of furniture selections from KI, re-purposed media tables, refinished worktables, and re-invigorated storage shelves and cabinets. The right mix and the right motivation helped create a brand-new room in an existing space.

### ACHIEVEMENT

Already a community fixture, the library has received accolades from patrons, members of the board of county commissioners, the county manager himself, as well as high-profile guests like movie producers and invited speakers and authors. Coupled with 5,000 newly added square feet from just a few years ago, the library is able to offer more of the modern amenities today’s guests demand. With room to spread out, read, relax and rejuvenate, the remarkable new Georgia Room has become a destination respite. Clean, contemporary and as bright as a Georgia morning, it’s the tangible result of the Patterson Pope process.



*“Patterson Pope helped crystallize our vision and then they helped bring it to life. And that’s made all the difference.”*

Chris Snell  
Director, Fayette County Public Library

