In a few sentences, give a summary of the project and why it was needed.

Nevada Public Library desperately needed more functional space particularly for the youth and teen departments. Approximately 61,000 people from Nevada and rural Story County use the library each year, including 10,500 attendees at 550 programs. The space needs study indicated that the library needed more than twice the space we had, and the changes in the ways the library is being used made the original space less functional.

The project added 6,000 sq. ft. for a total of 17,000 sq. ft. It added a 100 seat meeting room, a larger autonomous junior area including a well designed program space, four study rooms, and a consolidated genealogy area. The original building space was totally remodeled to accommodate an expanded, more efficient staff area, a new teen room, and a computer lab located out of the general traffic pattern. The project also improved ADA accessibility with a new family rest room. Energy efficiency was addressed through new lighting, motion sensed spaces, daylight harvesting, and efficient heating and cooling systems.

Project Funding and Execution:
Total Cost/Projected Cost of Project: $2,253,959 or [ ] no cost

List where funding came from (grants, donations, city funds, etc.)
Tope Foundation, Special Levy, Roy J Carver Charitable Trust, Kinney Lindstrom Foundation, Local & District Rotary Grant, UP Railroad, Local & Iowa Jaycees, Local Individual & Business donations

Total time project took/projected to take for completion:
(to qualify project must be operating or completed between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2013)

[ ] Project is ongoing
Explain the specific role of your city in this project.
The Nevada Public Library is a city department governed by an appointed Board of Trustees. The Council and Mayor supported the project by supplying the land and placing the project on the ballot in the form of a special CIP levy. The Council also agreed to the ongoing maintenance of the project through continued funding of the library facility, its staff and its collection. The community of Nevada showed support by resoundingly approving the levy.

In a few sentences, what future impact will this project have on your community?
The impact of this project will be felt in Nevada and Story County for the foreseeable future with the well organized and comfortable spaces. The library is now able to provide space for individual and group study, youth and adult programs, meeting area for up to 100 people, separation of the youth and adult areas, a distinct computer lab, and a actual teen room. There will be ongoing savings with the energy efficient lighting and HVAC systems.

Resources
Please list Web sites judges may reference if they seek additional information. Do NOT include supplemental paper information. Only information on this form or the sites listed will be used in the judging process.
http://www.pinterest.com/nevadalibrary/building-project/

Signatures: (Must be signed to be eligible. Most members print to sign)

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