



In keeping with the school’s unique vision for a library that recalls elements of the train stations of Europe, this renovation of an existing public school library with a limited budget uses contemporary techniques, visual cues, and coloration to suggest the look and feel they desired. A custom-designed ceiling mural applied between existing structural beams, painted dark grey like metal, creates a trompe l’oeuil effect similar to the arching vaulted skylights of a London train station, such as one from a Harry Potter novel. Custom wall sconces recall the mood of traditional lighting but in a light, contemporary way. Dark mesh blinds, custom rugs, and dark woods provide a cozy atmosphere to set off the “flea-market find” furniture gathered by the librarian over time and used throughout alongside contemporary furnishings, including a computer study area.

Project Type	Interior Renovation
Location	Carroll Gardens, Brooklyn
Client	NYC School Construction Authority
Construction Cost	\$395,000
Completion Date	2012
MEP Consultant	Shenoy Engineering, PC
Mural Subcontractor	Big Apple Sign

This project is one of more than 70 capital improvement projects located throughout the five boroughs and completed by Doban Architecture for the New York City School Construction Authority.