

Collège de Maisonneuve, Bibliothèque Gabriel-Allard:

A re-imagined space for study and learning.



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Designed to complement its iconic internal courtyard, the Gabriel-Allard Library at Collège de Maisonneuve provides welcoming spaces for students to study individually or in groups. Emphasizing a natural theme, the library combines biophilic design elements alongside natural light and views with a diversity of study options to create a calm and serene atmosphere.

Incorporating Choice and Comfort in a Nature-Inspired Environment

When updating the space, it was essential to offer students comfort and flexibility in how they chose to work and study. The new library accommodates various working styles, featuring custom tables with integrated planters,

as well as long tables positioned by the windows that allow students to work alone or in pairs. Designer and Co-Founder of Design au Carré, Josée-Anne Gagné, explains, “We were able to create a custom planter and table product using a mix of standard and custom Bridges II™ tables, which allowed us to avoid the complexities of millwork. Global Furniture Group was very knowledgeable and helpful when bringing this vision to life.”

Comfortable lounge seating is strategically placed among the stacks, providing quieter areas for learning, while study carrels offer a distraction-free, focused environment for individuals. Reservable rooms are available for group meetings without disturbing others. Gagné adds, “I’m pleased that we’ve created a more varied space for students to study and work the way that suits them best.”

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FEATURED PRODUCTS:

Bridges II, Popcorn stools, Bakhita chairs,
Citi Square lounge

DESIGN FIRM: Design au Carré

DEALER: Emblm Montréal

