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**CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC LIBRARY RECEIVES NATIONAL HONOR AWARD:**

**American Institute of Architects National Honor Award in Architecture**

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*Boston, MA – January 9, 2015* – The Cambridge Public Library, designed by **William Rawn Associates, Architects, Inc.** (Lead Architect) with **Ann Beha Architects** (Associate Architect/Historic Building Architect), both of Boston, has received the **2015 National Honor Award for Architecture from the American Institute of Architects (AIA)**. A jury of nine professionals selected the project as one of 11 buildings nationwide to receive this prestigious award.

"We fully embraced Library Director Susan Flannery's vision that the building must feel like a library, that you must see books the minute you walk in," notes **William L. Rawn, FAIA**, Co-Principal for Design at William Rawn Associates, "and we think this vision has led to the building becoming a literal Town Common for the City of Cambridge." **Clifford V. Gayley, AIA**, Co-Principal for Design at William Rawn Associates, points out that, "City Manager Richard Rossi and Library Director Susan Flannery reminded us consistently that Cambridge is a city that celebrates diversity, where 50 different foreign languages are spoken in the home, and that this Library must respond to the needs of each and every one of those families." **Ann Beha, FAIA**, Principal of Ann Beha Architects, states, "This project inspired us to rethink libraries, historic buildings, and the special dialogue that new and old can speak. The seamless integration of historic and contemporary design is one of our proudest collaborations."

The Cambridge Public Library includes a striking new glass building of 77,000 square feet joined to the restored 27,000 square foot, 1887 building by Van Brunt & Howe, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Over 2,000 patrons visit each day. The building is a model of innovative sustainable design with the first of its kind double-skin curtain wall in the U.S.

This award represents one of the 22 honors and awards that Cambridge Public Library has received since it opened in October 2009, including the 2010 Harleston Parker Medal for "The Most Beautiful Building in Boston" from the Boston Society of Architects (BSA).

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> National Honor Award received by William Rawn Associates from the national American Institute of Architects, placing the firm in the top half-dozen firms nationally in the number of such awards received over the past two decades. In addition to its civic work, William Rawn Associates is best known for its music, theatre and dance projects (e.g. Seiji Ozawa Hall at Tanglewood) and its college and university work (including buildings at Williams, Harvard Business School, Swarthmore, Tufts, Yale, and MIT).

Ann Beha Architects is a preeminent design leader in historic preservation and adaptive re use, companioning landmark buildings with contemporary design. Past projects include work for Bard College, University of Chicago, UPenn, and the New England Conservatory of Music.



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