

# Halifax City Library

## Case Study



“The design quality of our Lustrum shelving is exceptional. While the aesthetic is streamlined and unobtrusive, the construction is sturdy enough to withstand the impact of millions of visitors per year. Lustrum clearly understands the requirements of a modern library.”

ÅSA Kachan, CEO, Halifax City Library



**PROJECT:**

Halifax Central Library, Nova Scotia, Canada

**ARCHITECTS:**

Schmidt Hammer Lassen (SHL)  
Fowler Bauld & Mitchell (FBM)

**DURATION:**

September 2010 – grand opening 13 December 2014

**SIZE OF AREA (M<sup>2</sup>):**

15,000m<sup>2</sup>

**METERS OF SHELVING:**

5,600m

**From initial consultation and planning to completed, delivered and installed library furniture, the Halifax Central Library project defines everything Lustrum strives to represent – quality service worldwide, an outstanding product and ultimately, a fulfilling experience for library visitors.**

**Project background**

For over five years, we consulted with the architect's UK branch SHL and Canadian partners FMB Architects, ensuring the shelving solution we were planning matched their vision for the overall project. After this period, we continued to liaise with local suppliers in Canada in order to meet the tender requirements. At Lustrum, our experience of working globally allows us to quickly understand and comply with local building and safety requirements, no matter where the project is taking place.

**Solution and results**

At the project's outset, we were presented with a clear series of requirements. These cover both product and provision of services and can be defined as follows

**Superior functionality**

- Flexibility and technical value
- Versatile, attractive design, appropriate, adaptable and in accordance with the architects' intentions
- Cost within the budget framework
- Able to be delivered within acceptable timeframe
- Minimal, effective use of available space

It is our pleasure to report that the solution – 5,600m of superb Littbus shelving over 15,000m<sup>2</sup> – was delivered on budget and in time for a grand opening on 13 December 2014.