

Projects by Aaron Cohen Associates, Library Consultants

Project Name & Location:

Beaufort County Library, St. Helena Branch Library, Sea Islands Library, St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Nature of Firm's Responsibility:

Facility Needs Assessment, Building Program, Architectural Design Support

The St. Helena Branch Library Project was initiated by the Beaufort County Library to be a thriving public library and a social and educational force in the community. Over the years, librarians and administrators have wanted to provide a Library in St. Helena through county and state funding. Today, the new Library project is possible through a grant by the USDA and the support from the Beaufort County Commissioners.



Liolio Architecture was commissioned to design the new library building and to help in this endeavor, Aaron Cohen Associates (ACA) was engaged to develop a needs assessment and building program for a new library that will ensure that future services and programs are relevant to the growing community

This New Building Program is the result of the Beaufort County Library's long-range planning efforts. The Library staff examined the need for investments and options to improve services in underserved areas. The New Building Program identifies space and configuration options for the new building and recommends a modest building program to meet future community needs (5-20 years).

Aaron Cohen Associates' (ACA) Building Program focuses on the unique culture of St. Helena and the Sea Island Communities. Building space requirements, outlined in this document, helped determine the new library building's collection, seating and staff spaces. The library planning team will consider alternative building options.

