



## POPLAR CREEK PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Administrative Librarian for the Poplar Creek Public Library District which serves Streamwood and Hanover Park. The renovation of our Sonya Crawshaw Branch was done with the architectural designs of Andrew Dogan and the construction skills of Z3 Solutions. Greg Steinbach and Peter Zouras of Z3 were in charge and worked closely on the project, from bid documents and bid openings, to repurposing of space and the changes of a meeting area into a true adult services space.

This renovation, funded out of reserves offered several challenges to Z3. They needed to retain the strength of the original modular building while translating space into an area for computers, books, magazines and other resources for adults. The original building could be described as child centered. The renovation design intended to lay out a youth area and an adult area. In addition, there would be a new work room and an office for the Branch Manager.

While Mr. Steinbach and Mr. Zouras brought experience, training and construction skills to the project, they also demonstrated empathy, ability to explain, in words and print, what the work would achieve, for staff, Board members and, ultimately, patrons. The architects and designer created a plan, with sketches and colors. It was Z3 through the work and leadership of Mr. Steinbach and Mr. Zouras who enabled the building to be changed and the dream of a renovated Branch to be realized.

One unexpected result of the changes is how the new building seems similar to the Main site. And patrons love the positive changes that were realized.

As an Administrator I valued Z3's strong commitment to the project, the careful attention to cost and the target dates, and the ability to communicate with me, my Board and staff.

It was wonderful to work with them and I strongly recommend them for their professional and personal caring ways. They are excellent.

Sincerely,

Patricia M. Hogan  
Administrative Librarian