The library overlooks Shoal Creek, serving as a western portal connecting the new Seaholm Eco District to downtown Austin. The East and South facades of the library are wrapped by auxiliary bike and hike trails.

The heart of the Austin Central Library is the six-story atrium, which provides daylight to 80 percent of regularly occupied spaces in the library. The building's articulated facades were tuned by orientation to harvest daylight and views, giving 99 percent of the library's regularly occupied spaces views to the outdoors and allowing visitors to connect with nature.

Inspired by Texans' love of the outdoors, the screened-in reading porches provide indoor-outdoor study spaces overlooking the neighboring Shoal Creek and Lady Bird Lake. A photovoltaic array, which generates over 10 percent of the building's power, doubles as a roof providing shade for visitors.

The atrium roof reflects and beams light to maximize daylight & minimize heat gain.

**SUCCESS METRICS**

- **LEED PLATINUM**
- **NET ENERGY REDUCTION**
- **LOCAL MATERIALS**
- **INDOOR POTABLE WATER USE REDUCTION**
- **POTABLE WATER IRRIGATION REDUCTION**
- **MATERIALS RECYCLED**
- **PUBLIC SPACES DAYLIT**

The library was designed to fit into its surrounding urban context, complementing existing civic structures in the area. The exterior stone utilized is quarried from Lueders, Texas, reflecting the local geology of Austin and serving as a connection to place.

**LEVEL 1**

**LEVEL 2**

**LEVEL 3**

**LEVEL 4**

**LEVEL 5**

**LEVEL 6**

The library was designed to fit into its surrounding urban context, complementing existing civic structures in the area. The exterior stone utilized is quarried from Lueders, Texas, reflecting the local geology of Austin and serving as a connection to place.