

Taylor Street Library + Apartments

Chicago, Illinois

This combination Chicago Public Library branch and mixed-income housing project was built in the city's Little Italy community. Chicago was one of the first U.S. cities to use this type of partnership between housing and libraries to benefit an underserved neighborhood. The \$36.1 million initiative includes a 17,000 sq. ft. branch library and 73 one- and two-bedroom apartments. It received Project of the Year accolades from the Smart Growth America/LOCUS Leadership Awards, a national program that recognizes projects that demonstrate exemplary commitment to public leadership, triple-bottom-line development and smart growth. The structure was a mixture of conventional flat plate concrete slabs, with longer spanning post-tensioned slabs at the library, all supported by deep caissons.

Jim Pawlikowski served as the senior project engineer during his tenure at SOM.

