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Q1. Yes to teens facing city on 2nd floor in the light, not buried in basement.

Q2. Would prefer staff to be more integrated into the design. One of the operational issues of MLK is an “us” vs. “them” staff vs. patrons and design w/ secret staff garden reinforces this.

Fascinating - interviews w/ Zutony: patrons who never come to MLK. Why not? How would design address this?
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1. lighting inside - no mention
   perhaps not radical enough?
   tame?

Good experience with libraries

how are we going to deal esp in her reimagined
with street people? great hall
shelter in basement?
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- Love the idea of the roof garden.
- DC needs more spaces like that.
- Really dislike Birmingham library facade, but love Delf public space.
- Should incorporate street as this connects MLK plaza to big hallway opening to street.
- Wanna see more use of high-tech.

Details so that we embrace the future.

- This is a magnificent site and although preserving the integrity of Ms. Rose's we should create a new landmark in the city.
- More VMF please.
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Congratulations for keeping the original design intact and for adding just a simple elegant "bar" at the top. Fabulous to open up the basement of two glass areas way and for putting the loading dock below as well!

The "bar" at the east & west loading is too "solid" to much of a contrast.
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I like open floor plans, study areas along walkways, idea of exhibit on top floor, love idea of roof garden for the public. Right now it is too small (garden) because of the space taken by the residence. Don't like residence (private) on top. The building should be public.
Reduce space taken by cafes, unless they are open to use without having to purchase food.

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① Like the understanding of studies, modern life
② Will there be enough room for not only the current # of books but for an expansion of the current # of books? I say yes but not clear in presentation.
③ Love - "a monument is not just a facade"
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Like the orientation of bringing people/Seating toward the outside light/facade.

3rd flr book wall - will patrons require aid to physically access books out of reach?

What is the public benefit of the private residences component? Seems bound to produce conflict between residents and patrons. How will that be managed? By whom?

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The Library redesign is very well designed. However, Library Plus is not a good idea considering the fact that it doesn't look cohesive with the "Library" main design.
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What is your definition of a library?

Your presentation highlighted your intention to create an environment to have a building for the public to come to relax and not to seek information or research data. We are in Washington, DC, not a library. Your design gave no homage to Dr. King.

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Bookstore is a good idea. Technical committee should survey community who use the library. As to what specific areas our needs are. Some of us use the library as a home. This could put us into a habitat of life with all your glass rooms. Thanks.
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The concept for well ventilated library is broken. High humidity and high DC is incompatible with book storage. Additionally, the ground level time 9-6 is highly polluted year around.

Otherwise, good pass for graduation.

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You people have not a clean heart to your thinking in charging in the homeless or a people of color. For me you people only care about the rich people. You from way

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As an archivist who has 32 tons of United Nations hard copy in 4 academic libraries in New York State and as a former senior bibliographic searcher at New York University's Robert Library, I use the MIT Library frequently, even though I live in NYC. There is a huge amount of wasted space, horizontal and vertical here. Almost no art. How would you imagine empty space and space with art.
Roof - people may jump from
The roof here is a lot of
poverty here in DC and
Community members that are in

Who will be homeless here
daily. The community who use
the library needs should be
considered. A hygiene room
or hygiene center for the
homeless to keep clean. A
bathroom smell decent and
have toilet paper and soap is
needed.
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What did you mean when you wrote:

1. "Clean up the first floor"?

- A library is not a market place - for business
- A library is not a commodity - for profit
- It is a place to read, to study, to research
- To write and to borrow books.

A lending library must have books, not coffee tables.

Our library must carry school books and should have space for tutoring.
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Great emphasis on light
Addition of sustainable housing
Access? Security?
Connections and mixed use - same
Who runs? City?
How to better integrate housing... Why?
Seems applied

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Design disruptive to blog
No team collaboration displayed
Just one presenter
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Can diagrams be provided that will better simplify what will be removed and replaced? For what will actually be changed I find the presentation is extremely figurative and not exacting.

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Sketches suggest presence of a cocktail bar?? Seems inappropriate for public library there are plenty of places to drink in the neighborhood as-is.
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Cons: 1. To use residential addition does not mix well with main building.
2. Didn't seem like a team approach from the firm.

Rank: when comparing the options this is #2 workable.

Team relationship?
Where is Mr. Martinez & Johnson in the presentation?
Present as a team!
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I liked the idea of designing the floor as a destination. I liked the fact that the firm integrated the library to so many different landscapes, countries. I like the way you pay your respect to Mr. Martin Luther King Jr. or Miss Van Rohe.

The point I wonder is the use of glass even more than now in design, how will it be to upkeep it, how expensive will it be. Perhaps with new row forms.

If glass then in 1972, perhaps it will not be so expensive to upkeep.
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Love the concepts of different functions for the different floors. Light is for people, not books. Bull and their simple concept of respect for MLK obvious. Architect understands that staff share the public but deserve good space and light and air.

Convincing in terms of experience designing major libraries in preserving history of facilities. Effective separation of back of house and public area. Architect handled questions with aplomb.
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Changes, Changes, Changes! How to informal interactions + community communication + peacefully learn in this manner? Question:
- Design: They are open + transparent - are we used to sunlight in our homes?
- Would consider interactions of community with open spaces. Some have been sidelined in rooms with privacy. Thank you (over)

Access to residential quarters when library closed? How is access to presidential quarters? Consideration should be given to homeless who are major clients here + the library + all missed.
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The floor designs would help me Dr. King when I enter the library. Some of us could not go to the library once seeing them as we enter. Means more to us Mary also. She is not a community member.

With history & oppression. Her open space is a nakedness. That is too much to me. Like room designs on some floors. Two pillars for me for healing.
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This is the only credible design, and the only one that qualifies as historic adaptation. Not better than the Kent Cooper plan from years ago, however.

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I was surprised with the then Kansas Affiliates to the natural history museum in the building. To improve ventilation, flexibility, and some design. That is, the tower, basically the main thing.
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- Great ideas, sensitive to needs, experienced firm.
- Overall, love the proposed.
- If only we could improve (prefabricate)
  the ceiling, staff lighting, its
  in human, maybe suited to old factories;
  not present day libraries.
- Hurry for cafes, bringing light everywhere!

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- Best conceptual thinking.
- Fabulous range of ideas, interpretation,
  philosophy.
- Drawn plans a bit hard to read for layman.
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I liked the approach to function organizing & beautifying the staff space so that it becomes functional and makes staff happy to be there. Though would like less separation between staff space and public space.

Big plus: additional floors residential use city relationship to existing floors
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Houben:

Het beste Mecanoo, Ik
Miskien

Why design misses pt. Jane

Francisca Houben will produce a wonderful
facility for DC residents.
Consider other public use in place of exclusive
residences.
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A lovely presentation

Would you guys imagine?

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LIKE BRINGING ALL THE LIGHT IN AND
PUTTING THE PEOPLE SPACES IN THE LIGHT

COULD RESIDENTIAL AND BE COMMERCIAL?

WHY PICK RESIDENTIAL WHERE PEOPLE ARE NOT HOME
DURING THE DAY? COMMERCIAL WOULD BRING MORE
DAY TRAFFIC

LOVE THE ROOFTOP! AND PUBLIC PROGRAMMING SPACE
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- Integration of Ideas
- Technical Feats of Project
- Thoughtful Presentation
- Public Use of Additional Floors Must Be Explored

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Saw it!

Design appealing
Discussion of library use was interesting.
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Excellent design for both versions.

Prefer the mixed use design.

As an architecture student, I appreciate the time spent on observing the city's citizens. Bring in as much light as possible. The garden penthouse is my favorite space. I believe the mixed use portion of the building should maintain the same facade as the existing library.
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THE MOST THOUGHTFUL & RESPECTFUL OF IDEAS
DESIGN THE MOST ELEGANT OF THE THREE PROPOSALS
THAT WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME.

- Michelle Rodriguez

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Very good experience in libraries - Mecanoo is great!
Great vision for renovating the MLK building.
Ideas about transparency are right on target.
This team's vision seems very inspiring and also very achievable.
Love the different floor levels.
Even the addition looks good.
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Great opening up
here the cafe miles down

Light is important
Don't waste space!
No need for two cafes
How would people use the book wall?
Or is it just decor? I
I like the diversity of the team and that it's led
by a woman.
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Very Good presentation:
1. Bring your book from home to read in the library.
2. People like light, not books.
3. History of the library "MLK"
4. Case
5. All of the aforementioned remarks in collaboration
the design makes this an excellent proposal.

Great emphasis on encouraging community activities, light, and views. I liked the idea of the first year entry hall as the public's marketplace.
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I very much appreciate sensitivity to needs of book lovers.
I've always thought the brick walls spoiled the architecture.
Do bring in color - the beams are a beautiful, ascetic "color" but we humans need some relief.
Love the idea of visitors moving through the library to the roof.

- I like that the designs are light-filled.
- not in favor of mixed use - library only
- use the residential space - library experience.
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Attractive, creative roof treatment.

Arrived too late for balance of presentation.

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respectful
innovation
future proof