

LEWIS R. RILEY LIBRARY

PARSONSBURG, MARYLAND

Gillis Gilkerson led construction of Wicomico Public Library's new Lewis R. Riley Library branch located in Parsonsburg, Maryland. The branch offers Wicomico residents a comfortable space to read, relax and even enjoy outdoor spaces, with adirondack chairs under its front porch and a fire pit overlooking a beautiful farmland vista. Named after Lewis R. Riley, a Parsonsburg native who served in public office at both the local and state level before becoming Maryland Secretary of Agriculture from 2003 - 2007, is honored through the building's thoughtful design that emphasizes connection to farmland, nature and local history.

The +/- 2,500 square foot branch was constructed by renovating an existing structure, on property that formerly operated as a feed mill. The structure was completely demoed leaving only its exterior walls remaining, before being reinforced with subfootings and steel to support its new 21-degree angled roof. Architect David Quillin elected to use an exposed fastener roof, one of many design choices that connect the property to times past and the natural world. Additional design features, from large storefront windows, circular gable windows and hexagonal cork acoustical tiles, emphasize natural light and a connection to the outdoors. Sophisticated HVAC and lighting control systems coupled with friendly gathering spaces will ensure the Lewis R. Riley Library will be a high-quality, well-used asset in our community for years to come.

Gillis Gilkerson Project Manager Don Murray led the construction project, also acting as Superintendent.



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