

Austin, TX

South Austin Twin Oaks Library

Austin is always "green".

The new 10,000 square foot South Austin Twin Oaks Library, scheduled to open in early 2009, will



include 15 huge timber trusses made of reclaimed Douglas Fir.

Considering the timber trusses are about thirty feet long and each consists of at least two large main beams, using reclaimed wood probably saved about 30 large trees. "This is a very green project overall," said Eric Lincoln of American Pole and Timber, the timber truss manufacturer. "It's very 'Austin' and we are proud to take part in it."

According to the architects, Hatch Partnership Architects, the new library on 5th Street is designed to have a "sustainable design" and a "neighborhood

bookstore atmosphere". Austin is something of a cultural Mecca and the new library is being designed to match the South Austin culture that will surround it.

Sneak Peeks: The architect's presentation at <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/news/nr20060717.htm> gives a great idea of the inspiration behind the new library's design and shows some drawings of the new building as well. American Pole and Timber's website gives some hints at the kinds of timbers trusses they produce. Go to <http://www.americanpoleandtimber.com/prod-structural-timber-trusses.shtml>

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