The Morgan Library & Museum
NEW YORK, NY

**BBB’s work at The Morgan Library & Museum preserves, restores, and expands a New York City architectural treasure.**

In collaboration with the Renzo Piano Building Workshop, BBB designed the expansion and renovation of the Morgan Library & Museum. BBB assumed many roles throughout the project, including executive architect, project management, and design and production architect of the restoration of the landmark structures, office, and support spaces. The existing library was comprised of three historic landmarks: the original, turn-of-the-century McKim Mead & White building; the 1928 library annex; and an 1853 brownstone mansion known as The Morgan House.

The expansion knits the campus together through the construction of a 72,000 SF modern, skylit atrium, which extends four stories below grade and required a 50-foot bedrock excavation. Contemporary in its glass and steel vocabulary and elegant, modern detailing, the new structure is sensitive to its classically proportioned surroundings and neighborhood. BBB also designed the renovation of the major exhibition gallery in the 1928 Annex Building and the conversion of the original reading room into a new gallery. In addition, the project features a new café and shop, office space, exhibition preparation spaces, collections storage space, and a 275-seat underground auditorium.

**Client** The Morgan Library & Museum  
**Size** 147,000 SF  
**Completion Date** 2012  
**Construction Cost** $70 million