



"Milliken modular carpet was a natural choice for this Gold LEED Green Building Rating System® Certified project."

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For this library, books and media were just the beginning. The 110,000 square foot project also housed a library café, computer lab, public meeting spaces, auditorium and the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum. Thanks to a great team, it's green through and through, from rooftop solar electric panels to PVC-renewable Milliken modular carpet.

The City of Santa Monica has adopted USGBC's LEED® Green Building Rating System as the basis of design for all new construction, and engineering firm Syska Hennessy Group and architect Moore Ruble Yudell were determined to make the project a showpiece the entire community could be proud of. They succeeded. The project has been awarded Gold Certification under the USGBC LEED Green Building Rating System.

Among the many sustainable features of the library are daylighting with automatic dimming, low-flow plumbing fixtures and a 200,000-gallon subterranean storm water cistern system for landscape irrigation. All city buildings are powered by 100% renewable energy.

One of the interior systems—underfloor air distribution—made for special challenges, and Milliken modular carpet was an ideal solution. Milliken's three-by-three carpet tiles can be removed or replaced as necessary, offering complete access to the underfloor, even in high traffic areas. The project earned the 2006 Award for Electrical Excellence given by the Los Angeles County Chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association.

Milliken's modular carpet is 100% renewable and recyclable, contains no PVC, chlorine or other chemistries that affect IAQ and employee health and safety. Installations are quick and adhesive-free with TractionBack®, which not only eliminates additional chemicals, but also reduces the energy needed for installation, maintenance and replacement over the course of its lifecycle. The carpet backing extends the product life cycle by absorbing the effects of wear and providing an insulation effect to help control temperature and conserve energy.

Green from start to finish, Milliken's modular carpet may contribute to the Indoor Environmental Quality, Materials & Resources and Innovation LEED categories. Milliken's environmental consciousness even extended to packaging. By reducing the cardboard used for shipping, Milliken typically lowers cardboard waste by 63% compared with traditional packing.

