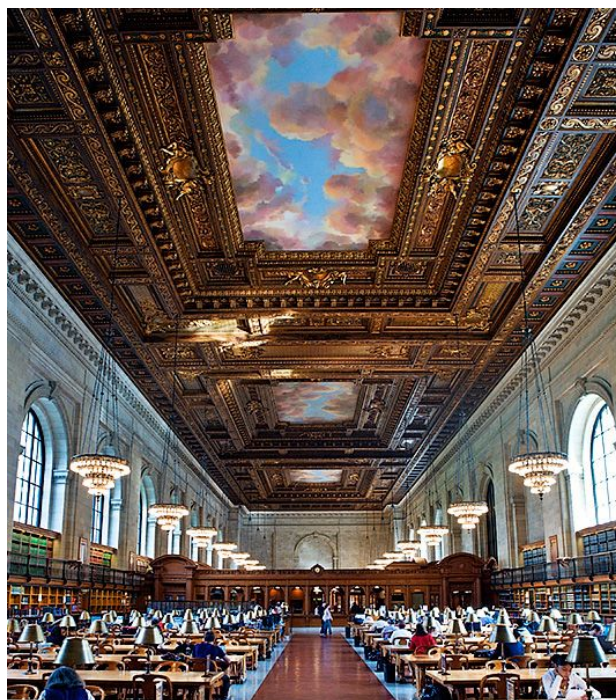


Learning Places Summer 2016

SITE REPORT #2

New York Public Library



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INTRODUCTION

The New York Public Library (NYPL) is another grand site of architecture in New York City and ironic enough it is not far from Grand Central Terminal. NYPL is a creation from McKim, Mead and White; through observing their style, you can see beaux-art influence at every turn. Walking through this grand structure makes one feel like a god, so it also makes me wonder if this god like feeling is the same feeling that others use to feel when entering the old Penn Station?

SITE DOCUMENTATION (photos/sketches/notes)



When I took this photo it was with the intention of creating a full photo that contained the three doorways which have a greek influence and the two adjacent stair cases. This particular photo grabs my attention because of the combination of structures visible. In this photo you can see a doorway that may very well lead into a temple with an arched window over the doorway, which allows for light to come in as if it is the eyes of the building and it is allowing light to enter the body. You next see the stairway which goes up to a mezzanine and over the stairs is an arch, these arches give you the feeling of a grand entrance and makes you feel larger than life almost, truly a great feeling.



Just as I spoke of the doorways in the first photo, you see that these door ways are grand and small at the sametime. As one walks through these doorways you can feel like a king walking into a temple and at the sametime feel like a god walking into a room that was made just for you. And as you walk into this grand structure, you have such beautiful entering and shining upon you.



This photo is a mirror image of the first photo, I've added this photo because it completes the entire front of the library. The feeling that this sight evokes is one of greatness and amazement. If you notice the architecture seems to have a Grecian influence, from the pillars that stand separate from the walls unlike the ones from Grand Central Terminal. There are also the beautiful pediments that stand over the doorways to the library, they make the doorways seem more like entrances to a temple with every glance.



This painting caught me off guard when i was doing the tour because i was not expecting to find such a grand painting above me and it took my breath away, the golden accents around the painting makes it pop so much. This painting speaks so much, when doing the tour it stated it was the gods in mount olympus. To me they seem like simple men who are fighting, for what purpose, I do not know. But it could be that they are battling for some form of control over a particular land. Personally using this painting as an accent to the architecture of this ceiling is quite amazing. The molding and use of shapes helps draw my eyes to the sole focus of the painting the its gold moldings.



The following three photos are of paintings that speak a story through time and these painting are surrounded by arches which give the feeling of these painting being a portal to a different land and time. These painting are almost alive and they depict three influential moments in life and the arches around them remind me of triumphant arches and it's like these characters will walk out of them to instruct me.

DISCOVERIES



These two pictures are of the amazing discoveries I found at the library, the lego structure that is designed in the shape of Patience and Fortitude. It was amazing to find this inside the children's room, it was quite a sight to see these structures up close, since I'm use to seeing these structures at a distance and it being above head. The next discovery was the story of Winnie the Pooh on the wall. It was beautiful and inspiring to see such a sight on the wall, I felt my childhood coming out the wall every time I look at it. I find that taking architecture with its glorious sight and mixing it with a child's spirit is pure genius and utterly amazing and quite a gorgeous sight.

KEYWORDS

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