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- construction of the Booker Health Services Library at the Jersey Shore University Medical Center
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- the renovation of a small hospital library
- designing a new library in a historic naval hospital
- the Hope Fox Eccles Clinical Library Renovation Project
- expansion and renovation of the Welch Medical Library at Johns Hopkins University
- and much more!

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