



A new square was created in front of one of the entrances. Its shady garden and benches make it ideal for whiling away the day.



The slight slope of the plot affected the facade design: the height offset is made clear by the slant of the post and beam construction.

Library in Auer, IT

South of Bolzano and situated directly on the Brenner Pass lies the small Italian market town of Auer. The cultural building constructed in the town centre was the result of a competition won by architectural office Monsorno-Trauner and, in addition to a German and Italian library, it contains two educational facilities and an exhibition area.

Building owner:

Municipality of Auer, IT

Architect:

Architekten Monsorno-Trauner, Auer, IT

Location:

High street, Auer, IT

Sto products:

Facade insulation system (StoTherm Classic),

acoustic ceiling system (StoSilent Panel)

Applicator:

Amac-Bau-Service, Bolzano, IT

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Positioned on a slight slope between the town's high street and a side street, the site of the new library joins the two streets together. The building itself makes quite an impact in its historical surroundings as a result of its modern but structurally low-key design. Towards the side street, visitors will find another architectural highlight in the form of a small forecourt. Building entrances can be found on both streets, and the projecting upper storeys above these provide protection from the elements. Architects opted for a variety of different room heights and dimensions inside the building without affecting its cuboid-shaped appearance, which proved to be an ingenious solution to the site's height offset problem. The library is filled with airspaces and platforms across three storeys that allow visitors to get a feel of the structure as whole and create lines of sight across the interior. Located in the centre of the cultural building is the main reading room, which is itself spread across multiple levels to create individual areas where visitors can read and work in peace. Visitors can reach the publicly accessible roof terrace from the top floor.

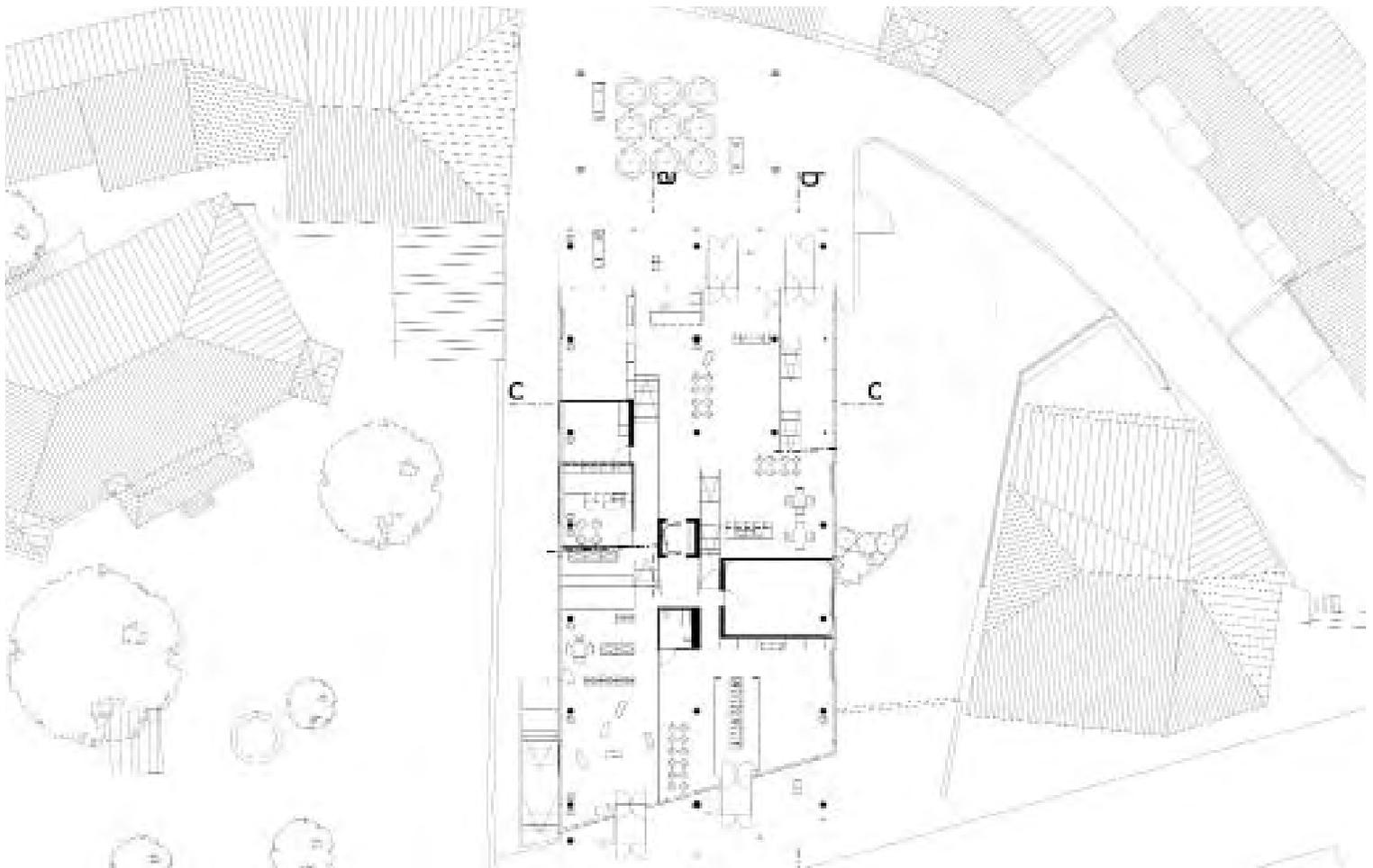
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The varying levels create smaller zones that are flooded with natural light and can be used as individual reading and work areas.

The free-form service desk is the library's most eye-catching piece of furniture and serves as its central point of contact.

Offering partial shelter and a partial view: the roof terrace.



Ground floor plan