

# Mecklenburg County Morrison Regional Library Renovation

*Beth Ravitz*



*Artist's Wall Relief*

## DATE

Artist Commissioned June 2016  
Installed November 2017

## LOCATION

Morrison Regional Library  
7015 Morrison Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28211

## DESCRIPTION

The Morrison Regional Library, located in South Park Charlotte, completed a major renovation adding approximately 2,700 square feet to the facility which supports more group meetings, a higher capacity community room with Smartboards, and an improved teen's and children's area. An enhanced entrance, rear patio, and second floor terrace added exterior space.

Beth Ravitz, a multi-disciplinary artist from Florida, has transformed the Morrison Library's second floor terrace into an inviting, contemplative space through the creation of two wall relief sculptures and a dramatic paver design. The graceful forms of the wall reliefs represent the unbridled joys and sense of adventure that can be experienced in nature as well as books. To further this theme, the artist collected museum patron's favorite quotes from North Carolina authors, poets, and songwriters, and included them in her design. The terrace paver pattern takes its inspiration from the layout of formal gardens, and example of which can be viewed from the terrace. These elements work together to affirm the bond between art, nature, and culture.

## SELECTION PANEL

Patricia Fletcher, Public Art Commission; James Hatley, Architect, Gensler Architects; Crista Cammaroto, Director, UNCC Gallery; Jennifer Edwards, Curator, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art; Susan Green, Library Manager, Morrison Library; Leonora Kaufmann, Associate Director for Library Experiences; Erin Brighton, Community Representative

## FUNDING PARTNER

This project is funded through Mecklenburg County's 1% for the Arts Ordinance. The ASC administers the public art program for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Artist Selection and designs are approved by the appointed Public Art Commission.

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