

Helsinki, Finland Report

September 2019

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1. Central library Oodi

Overview

In August, 2019, Helsinki Central Library Oodi was chosen as the winner of the 2019 Public Library of the Year award in the World Library and Information Congress of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). The library started its construction in late 2016, and made its grand opening on the day before Finland marked its 101st anniversary as an independent country. Located in a part of civic center of downtown Helsinki and surrounded by A.Alto and Sarlinen's master piece of architectures, Oodi was designed by the Finish architecture firm, ALA Architects.

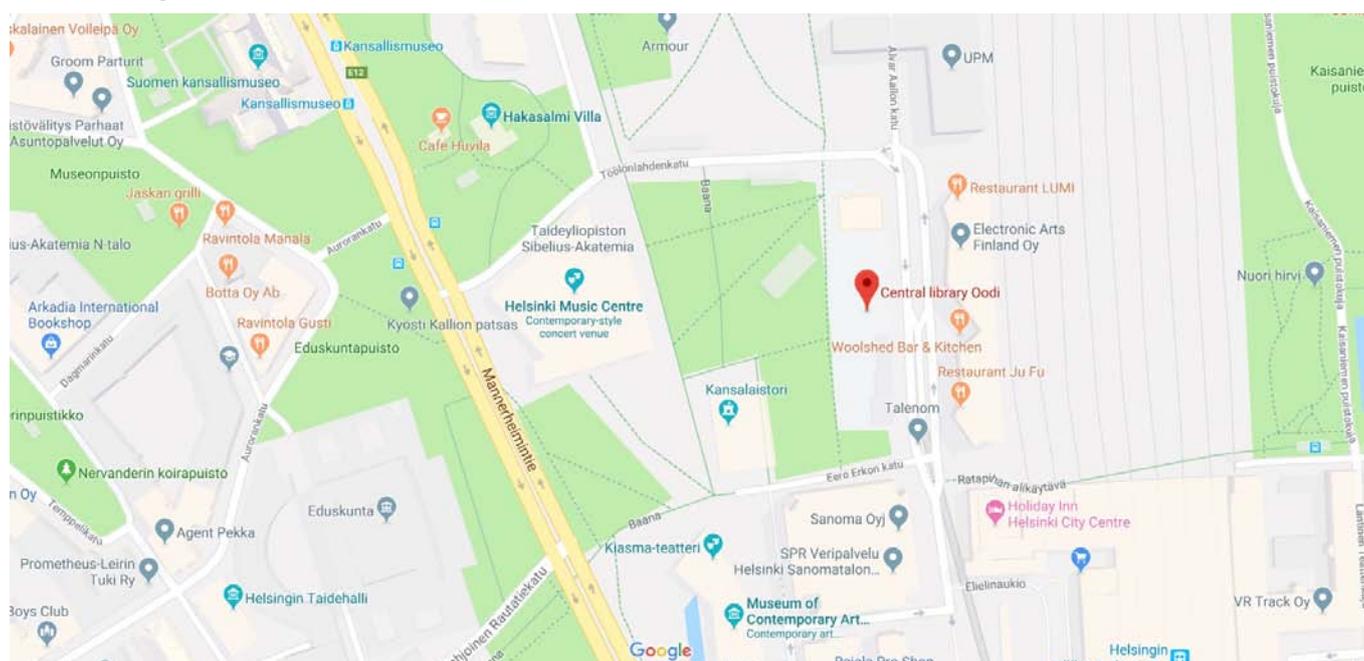
Not only as a library, Oodi functions as a place for people to meet and socialize, by providing a café and a community space where people could have lunch, watch a movie, play board games and video games. Users could satisfy all kinds of needs by composing and recording music and experiencing the 3-D printer, which makes this place more than a library.

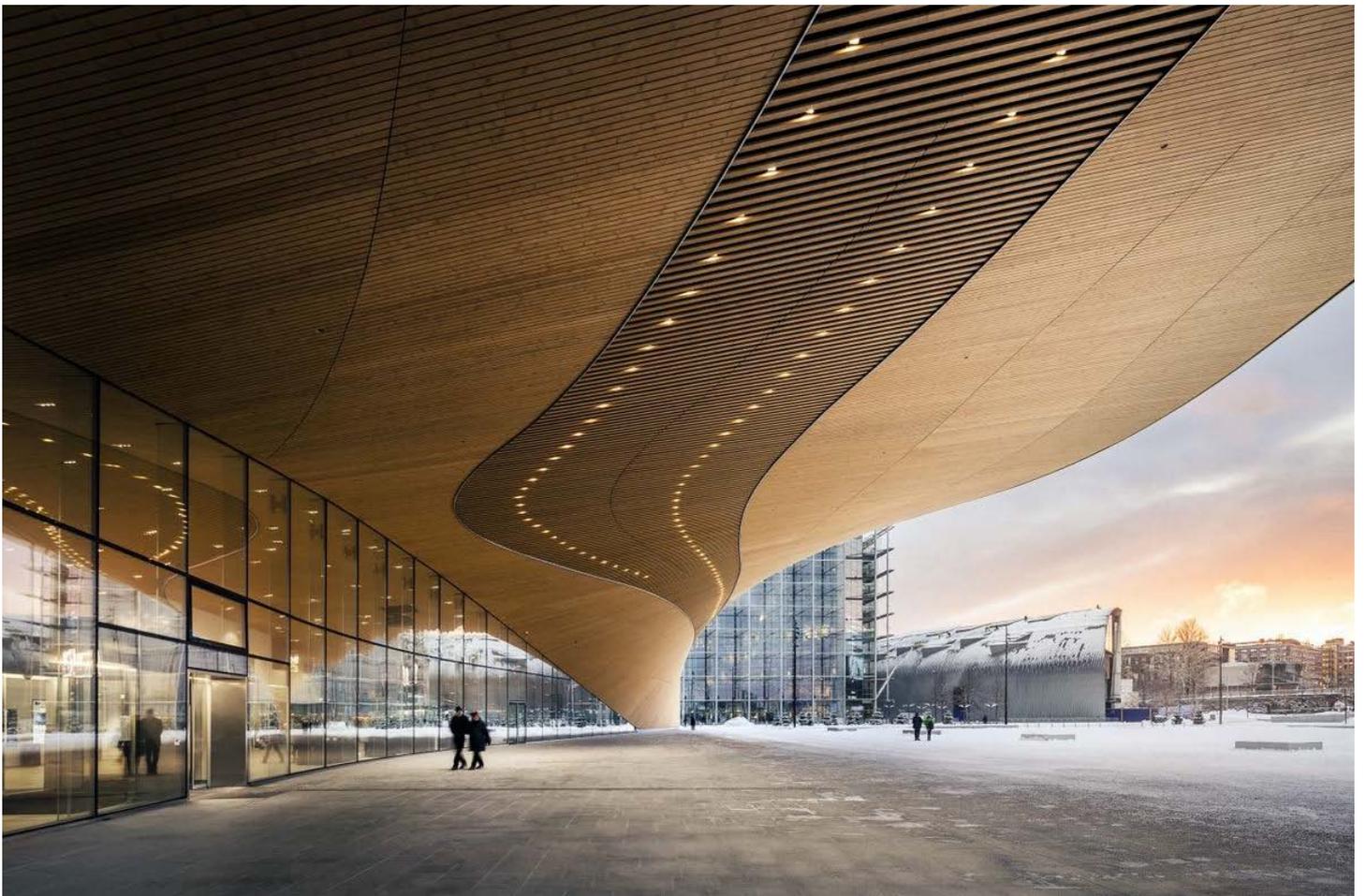
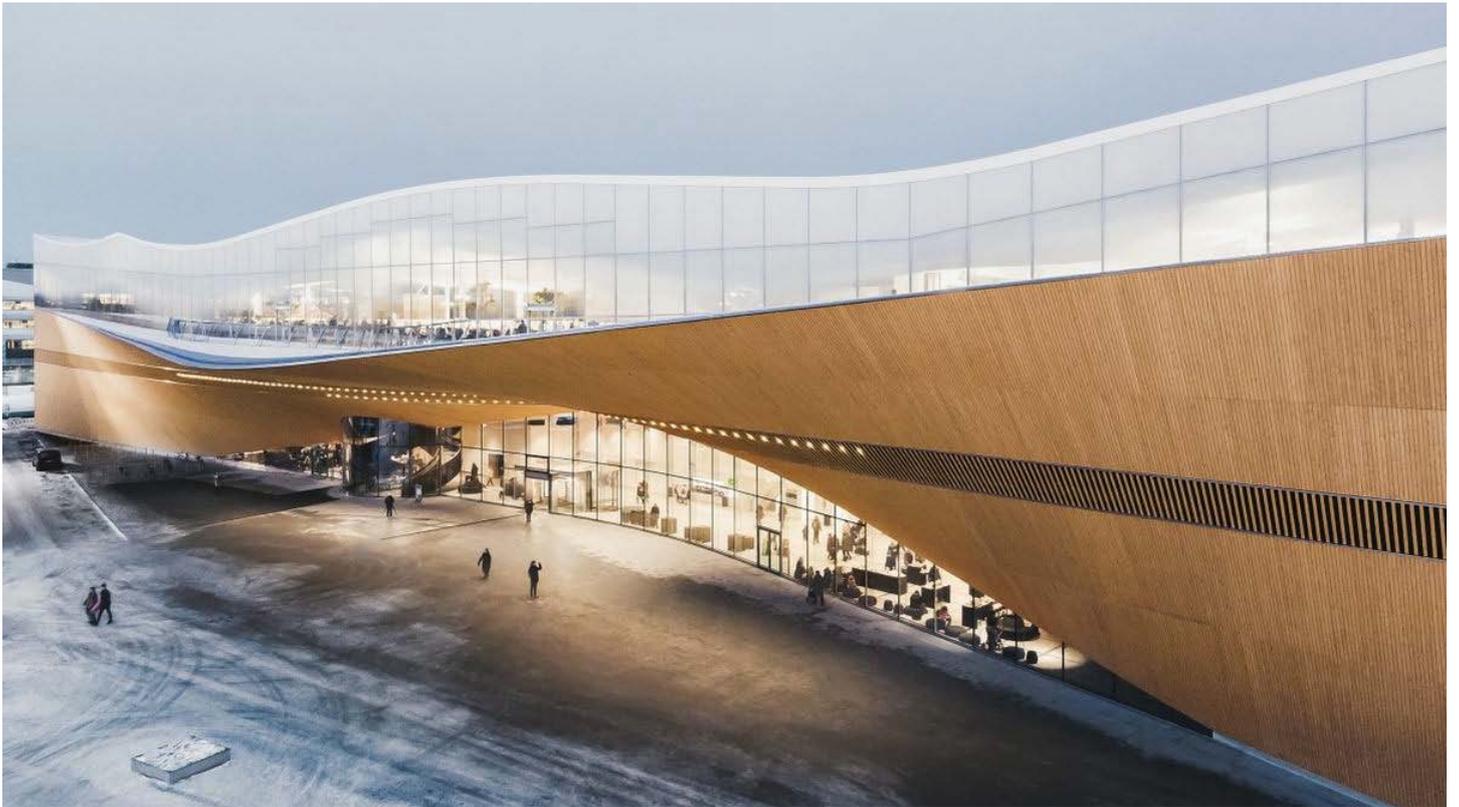
The façade is made entirely from Birch wood board, carefully sanded to melt into the curves of the building. From the curving façade to the upper level glasses, the astonishingly beautiful building reminds us of the sympathy of Japanese mentality towards wooden designs.

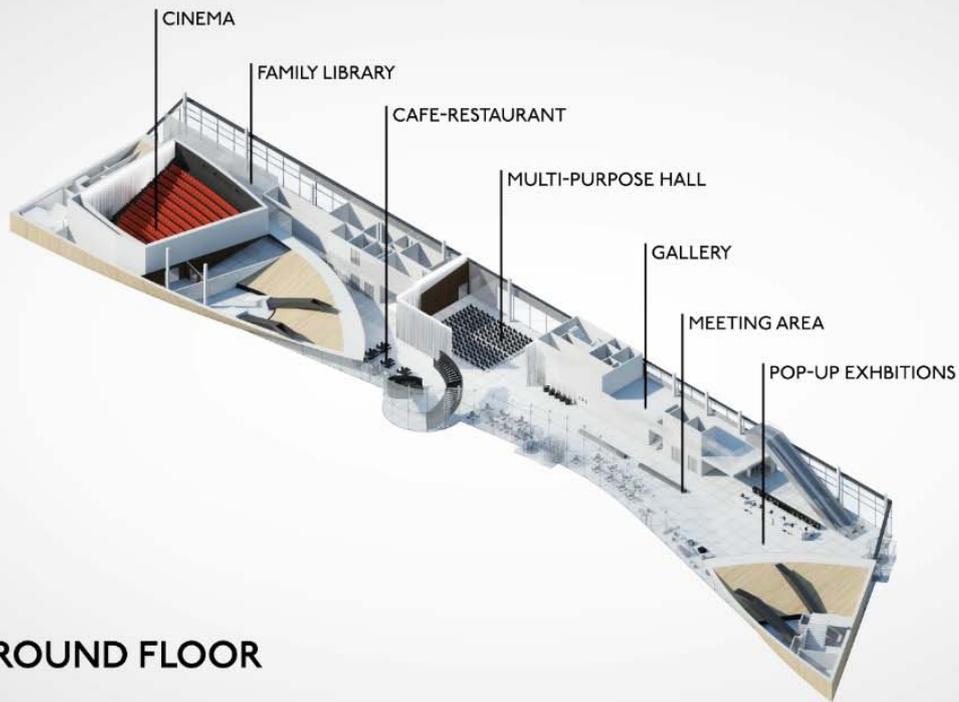
Details

1. Introduce of Central library Oodi
2. Type of Business: Library
3. Open Date: 2018/12/05
4. Location: Töölönlahdenkatu 4, 00100 Helsinki, Finland
5. Architect: ALA Architects
6. Website: <https://www.oodihelsinki.fi/en/>

Location Map

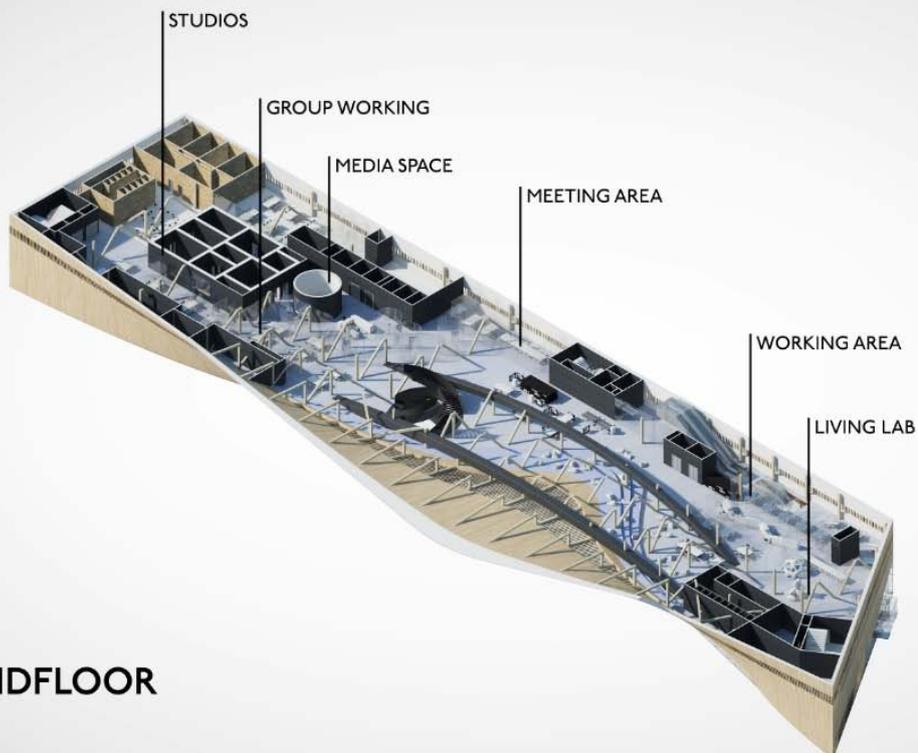






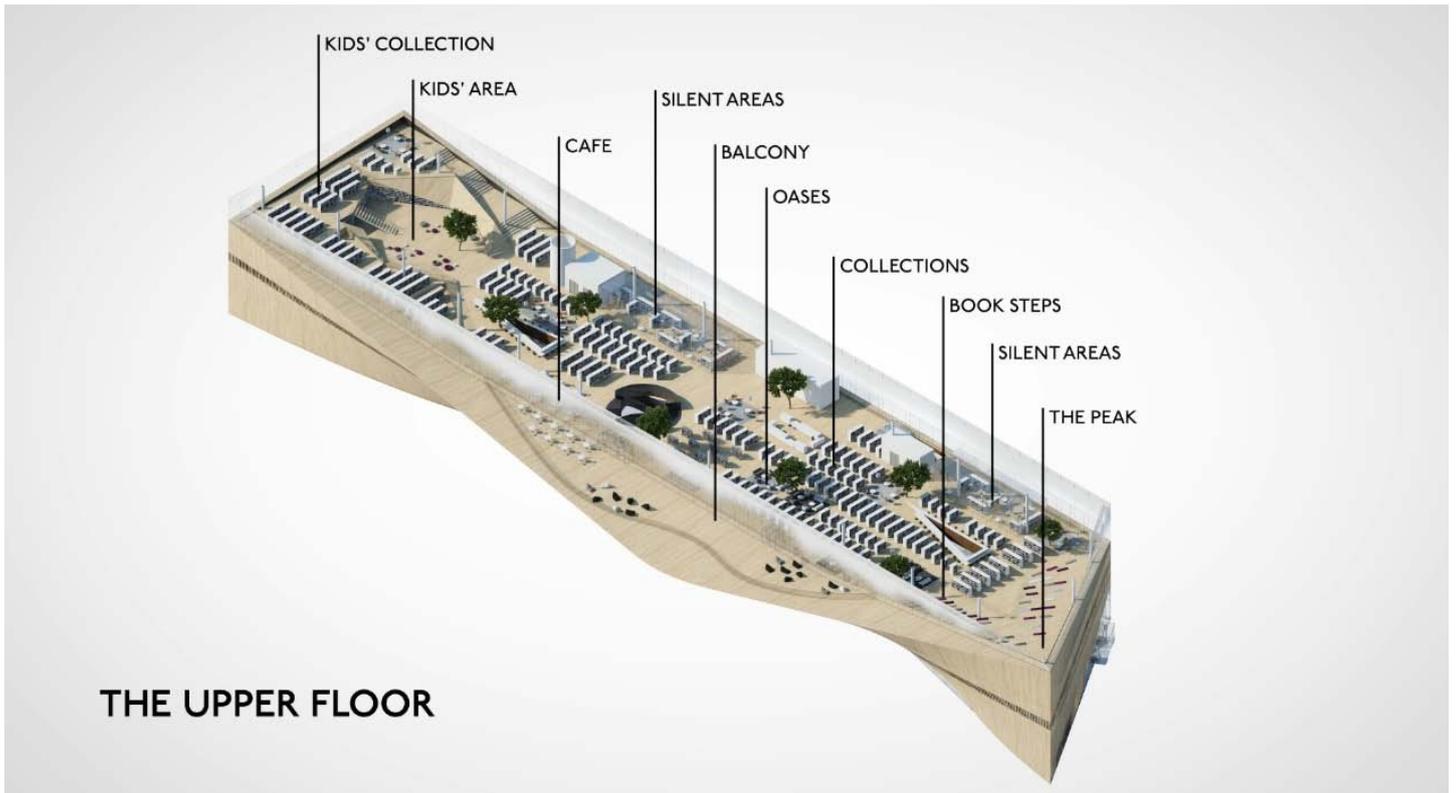
THE GROUND FLOOR

The ground floor consists of spacious lobby, public facilities and event venues, library services and café, which creates a cozy atmosphere.



THE MIDFLOOR

The second floor is dedicated to work, activities, learning, interaction and spending time with friends and family, and it has rooms available to meet the needs of active citizens.



The third floor is home to the Book Heaven: a place to relax and unwind with its books, reading oases and cafés.

