INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF HAVANA

A case study from our partners at FG Library & Learning UK

StoryWall & Bookworm Storage/Seating

THE BRIEF

FG Library & Learning (UK) was invited to design a new library within a refurbished space in the Lower School site at the International School of Havana, Cuba.

The brief required the space to include 3 distinct areas, separated by age group: 3-6 years, 7-11 years, and a teenage study and chill out space. Each area had its own criteria; areas for the younger students needed to be bright and inviting, offering areas for both quiet and group reading, while the teen space needed to provide a study area for 20 students with space for relaxed reading.

Across the project, a WOW factor was desired to entice students to the new space and encourage reading for pleasure.

Jigsaw Soft Seating

Landscape Shelving

Landscape Curve Shelving

The team at FG were very supportive...and were willing to engage with us through online meetings and site visits to ensure the end result had high impact. It was clear that our school's needs were a high priority for the design team and **the plan they delivered was exciting, bold, and exactly what we hoped for.**

~Georgie Schofield
Principal of Lower School

Landscape Shelving

THE SOLUTION

After multiple video conferences, a final layout was approved, and a member of the FGLL (UK) team traveled to Havana to conduct a finishes workshop, discuss the plans for the project, and carry out an in depth site survey.

FGLL (UK) proposed a number of WOW factor ideas within the design to offer a variety of areas for students to enjoy while maintaining adequate space for book stock and display. FGLL's popular StoryWall was brought to life with graphics and the custom treehouse treatment was an instant hit with both staff and students.

Landscape and Landscape Curve Shelving, Elements displays, and Bookworm Storage boxes housed the school's brand new collection of books. Soft seating, including pieces from the Jigsaw collection, were placed around the library along with study tables andseating. Graphics were integrated into both the furniture and wall spaces not occupied by shelving or StoryWall modules. Modular tables provided flexibility, for a modern approach to learning.

A fun carpet layout (the first carpet within the school!) added a final WOW factor to complement the furniture design. All products supplied on the project were manufactured in the UK and expertly packaged and protected prior to shipment to Cuba.

Once the furniture had been delivered, FGLL (UK) sent a team of installers to complete the project, which has lead to rave reviews from students, staff, and parents alike.