

Houston: Community Shaped in Metal

Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library
Houston, TX

Project:	Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library
Location:	Houston, Texas
Use:	Public Library
Architect:	BRAVE Architecture
Product:	MX-2.0, MX-3.0, MX-4.0, P1, P3, P4
Product:	Over 25,000 sq ft



Precision and Possibility in Every Panel

Over 25,000 sq ft of **Morin Galvalume 22ga panels** in Regal White define the library's exterior, creating a clean, luminous canvas that contrasts with the vivid colors found throughout the interior. The panels' deep box ribs and triangular geometries generate a constantly shifting interplay of light and shadow, giving the façade a sculptural quality that evolves with the time of day.

The system's concealed fastener design ensures a seamless appearance, while the modular precision of Matrix and Pulse panels reduced installation time and material waste on site.

Bright, bold, and unmistakably civic, the Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library is a testament to what happens when architecture serves its community with ambition and care. A building that inspires discovery, inside and out.

Award-Winning Recognition

Featured on the cover of Houston Design Week 2025, celebrating bold civic design and community impact.

A Civic Landmark Rooted in Discovery

Once a forgotten post office site in Houston's Westbury neighborhood, the **Dr. Shannon Walker Neighborhood Library** is a next-generation civic landmark. Named after NASA astronaut Dr. Shannon Walker, the 23,260 SF building was designed by BRAVE Architecture as a community hub with a café, maker lab, podcast studios, and vibrant gathering spaces.

Morin's Matrix and Pulse panels anchor the exterior with deep angles, clean lines, and a sculptural presence that shifts with the light. Selected as cover feature for Houston Design Week 2025, the library proves public architecture can be both visionary and rooted in community.

Where Versatility Drives Design

Morin's **Matrix Series (MX-2.0, MX-3.0, and MX-4.0)** paired with **Pulse Series panels (P1, P3, and P4)** gave the architects a versatile toolbox to create a dynamic, multi-textured envelope. Because all Matrix and Pulse panels share a common joinery system, the design team mixed and matched profiles freely, creating bold compositions of depth and rhythm without compromising weather performance. Perforated panels were applied strategically to manage ventilation and solar shading while maintaining a cohesive expression.

The ability to combine multiple profiles from a single manufacturer simplified specification and allowed the design intent to remain intact from concept through completion.

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