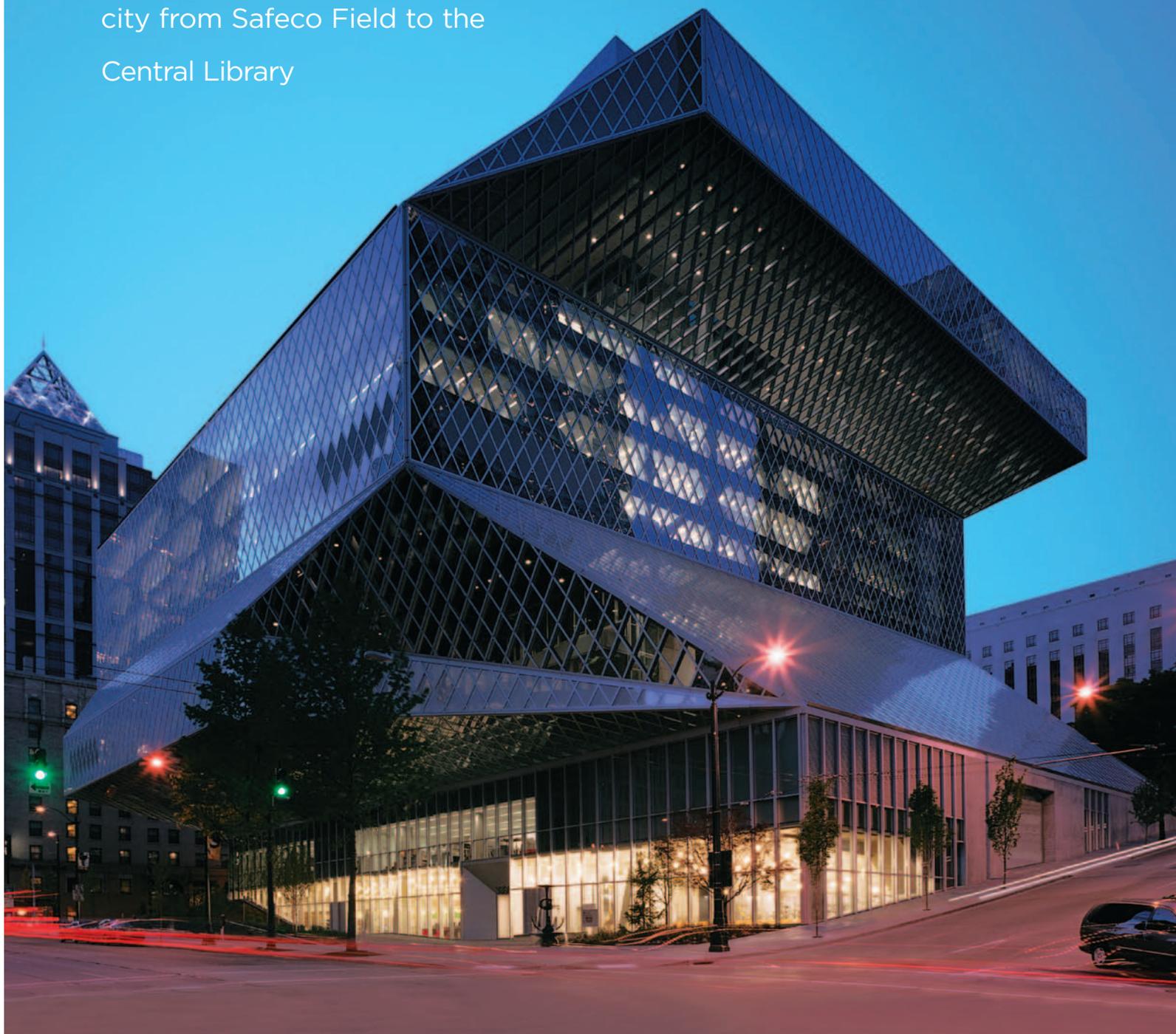


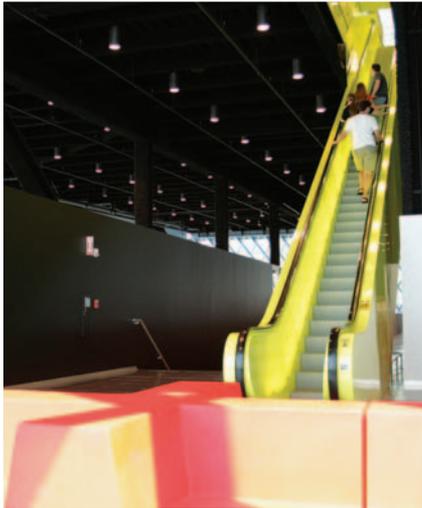
WALK

BY LISA FOSTER

THIS WAY

Tour architectural gems in the city from Safeco Field to the Central Library





CENTRAL LIBRARY

1000 4th Ave, 206-386-4636, www.spl.org

Come and see for yourself why Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas' Central Library with its angular glass facade and innovative interior design is internationally acclaimed. Voted the 108th most favorite structure by the American Institute of Architects earlier this year, it is one of two Seattle buildings on the list (the other is Safeco Field, ranked 135th).

Free, one-hour architectural tours are open to the public on a first-come, first-served basis during normal library hours. Go early to the welcome desk on the third floor, just inside the 5th Avenue entrance to the library and sign up for each day's tours. Sign-up must be done in person.

The Seattle Architecture Foundation is also offering a tour of the library at 10 a.m. on July 14. Tickets \$10 advance, or \$12 on the day of the tour. Meet at 1333 5th Ave, Ste 300 or call 206-667-9184 for more info. Check out www.seattlearchitecture.org

SAFECO FIELD

1st Ave S and Edgar Martinex Dr S, 206-622-4487, <http://seattle.mariners.mlb.com>

Home to the Seattle Mariners, this 20-acre baseball field's architectural star is the one-of-a-kind 22-million-pound retractable roof. While other stadiums in the country have them, the one at Safeco Field is unique because it does not completely close and only acts as an "umbrella" for the stands. The roof remains open most of the year and a train line also runs under it. If you listen hard, you can hear trains blowing their horns during games, and above the roaring crowd of more than 47,000 people!

Other highlights to note on the tour of this stadium—completed in 1999—include its real grass, press box, luxury suites, dugout, and visitor's clubhouse. Look out for the works by 11 Northwest artists, integrated into the ballpark's design.

Tours through October 31 at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm, and 2:30 pm daily on game-free days, 10:30 am and 12:30 pm on days with evening games. Tickets: \$7 for adults, \$6 for seniors, and \$5 for children.



EXPERIENCE MUSIC PROJECT

325 5th Ave N, 206-367-5483,
www.emplive.org

The Experience Music Project and Science Fiction Museum and Hall of Fame are housed in a 140,000-square-foot building designed by legendary American architect Frank O. Gehry. The first commercial property designed by Gehry in the Pacific Northwest, the EMP features a spectacular, prominently visible structure that has the presence of a monumental sculpture set amid the backdrop of the Seattle Center.

The exterior of the building is a fusion of textures and a myriad of colors, consisting of stainless steel and painted aluminum shingles that are individually cut and shaped. Building fun fact: If you made a typical steel guitar "E" string from the steel inside the EMP, it would be 1.6 million miles long, enough to circle the earth 65 times.

No public tours, but enjoy the building from inside and out by taking the Monorail from Westlake Center (at 5th and Pine) and checking out its latest exhibition *Out of this World: Extraordinary Costumes from Film and Television*. *Urban Perfect: Architecture of the Future*, will open in the spring of 2008. The museum is closed Tuesdays.



SMITH TOWER

506 2nd Ave, 206-622-4004,
www.smithtower.com

The oldest skyscraper in Seattle, Smith Tower was built in 1914 and named after its builder Lyman Cornelius Smith, who was a firearm and typewriter magnate. Smith Tower was the tallest office building west of the Mississippi River until 1931. It was also the tallest building on the West Coast from its completion in 1914 until the Space Needle was completed in 1962.

The tower is an example of neoclassical architecture. A highlight of the building is the Chinese Room on the 35th floor, the same level as the observatory. The furniture and the hand-carved ceiling were gifts from the Empress of China.

You'll want to note the special piece of furniture called the Wishing Chair. Rumor has it that a single woman who sits in the chair will marry within a year.

Through November, Smith Tower's 35th Floor Observation Deck is open daily from 10 am to sunset. The Seattle Architecture Foundation offers various tours of the building at 10 am on July 7, 21, and 28. Tickets \$10 advance or \$12 on the day of tour. Meet at 1333 5th Ave, Ste 300 or call 206-667-9184 for more info. Check out www.seattlearchitecture.org

(CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM LEFT) COURTESY SMITH TOWER; COURTESY EMP (3)

STIMSON-GREEN MANSION

1204 Minor Ave, 206-624-0474,
www.stimsongreen.com

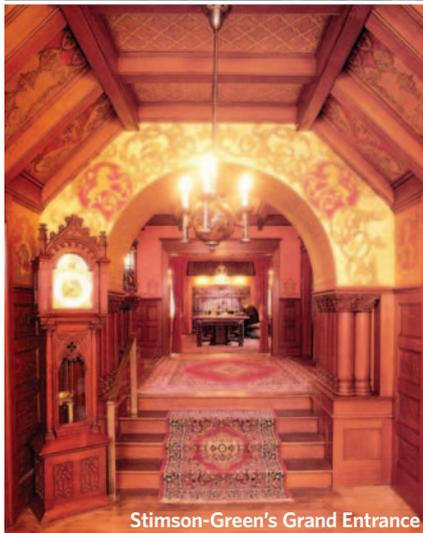
The brick and stucco half-timbered Tudor mansion was completed in 1901. The home is a rich mixture of Classical, Romanesque, Moorish, Gothic, and Renaissance style rooms. Designed by Spokane architect Kirtland K. Cutter, the 10,000-square-foot house was commissioned by lumberman and real estate developer Charles D. Stimson and his wife Harriet as their primary residence. Businessman and banker Joshua Green and his wife Laura (“Missy”) then lived in the house. Several generations of Greens made the mansion their home for 61 years.

Upon Joshua Green's death at the age of 105, the house was purchased, and rescued from demolition, by Historic Seattle in 1975. To book a tour, contact Historic Seattle at 206-622-6952 or check out www.historicseattle.org

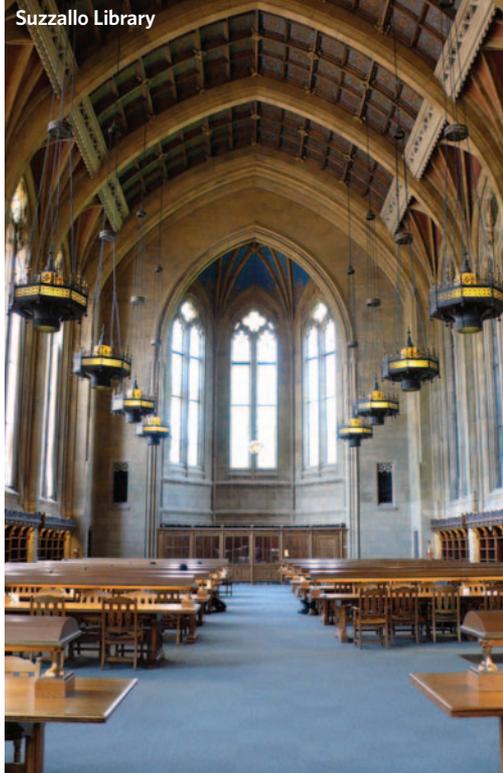
The Washington Trust for Historic Preservation also gives tours. Call 206-624-9449 or check out www.wa-trust.org for more information.



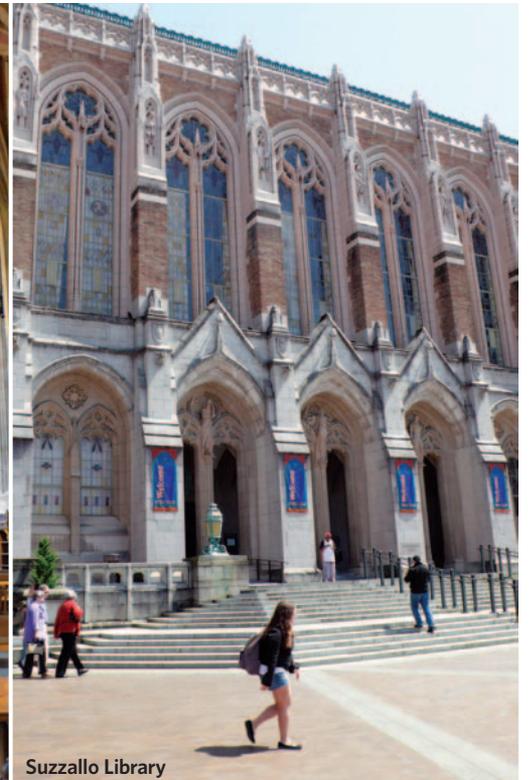
Stimson-Green



Stimson-Green's Grand Entrance



Suzzallo Library



Suzzallo Library



By the Red Square

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

NE 45th St and 15th Ave NE, 206-543-2100,
www.washington.edu

Pretend you're a prospective student and wander the beautiful grounds of the University of Washington, called “U-Dub” by locals. Best of all, the stunning Suzzallo library is also open to the public.

The library's original architects, Charles H. Bebb and Carl F. Gould, wanted to build three structures in Collegiate Gothic style, arranged in a triangle with a bell tower in the center. The first phase,

which dominates the eastern side the plaza known as Red Square, forms the west face of this triangle. The south face of the triangle was completed in 1936 in the second phase of construction. The original plans were abandoned with the third wing of the library, completed in 1963. The bell tower was never built.

But a final addition to the library—the Kenneth S. Allen Library wing named for Seattle entrepreneur Paul Allen's father, a former associate director of the university library system—was completed in 1990. It features modern concrete and glass forms.

LOVE ARCHITECTURE? LOVE THIS!

» **SEATTLE ARCHITECTURE FOUNDATION** This organization offers year-round tours, mostly on Saturdays. The tours range from “Green Building” to “Art Deco.” There's even a hardhat tour of the construction at the new Wing Luke Museum July 26 at 1 pm. Others this month include Historic Skyscrapers, July 7; Historic Harvard Belmont District: Mansions on the Hill, July 14; Art Deco: The Roaring 20s, Northwest Style, July 28. Most tours start 10 am. Tickets \$10 advance, \$12 on day of tour. Meeting points vary, please call ahead. 1333 5th Ave, Level 3, 206-667-9184, www.seattlearchitecture.org

» **SEATTLE WALKING TOURS** See downtown in all its beauty with this custom two-hour walking tour. Look at turn-of-the-century buildings, public art, sidewalks, and learn about history and local lore from Seattle writer Duse McLean. Other tours of neighborhoods from International District to Pioneer Square are also available. Tickets \$15. Reserve at 425-885-3173 or check out www.seattlewalkingtours.com