

LIBRARY CONSULTATION

DESIGN | REFURBISHMENTS | REINVIGORATIONS



Kevin Hennah has carried out over 2,000 onsite consultations at libraries internationally. His point of difference is his ability to fuse creative vision with a thorough understanding of the operational needs of libraries. In turn, providing both practical advice on the innovation that is required to maintain relevance. As keynote speaker, he has presented on this topic throughout Europe, The USA, Canada, Asia, The UAE, New Zealand and Australia.

Kevin's background includes over 25 years experience working with international retail brands such as The Body Shop, Kathmandu, OshKosh, Virgin Mobile and Westfield on store design and visual merchandising. In 2002, an invitation to present for The State Library of Victoria saw him make the transition to work with libraries. Over two decades, Kevin's advice has constantly evolved but his focus on maintaining relevance is unfaltering.

"A real professional, with design genius and actual real-world experience both in libraries AND retail. Inspiring!"

Suji DeHart. QSI Shekou | Shenzhen | China

Kevin passionately believes that a great library is not measured by architecture and interior design alone. The critical and often missing element is development of a contemporary visual merchandising strategy for physical collections and the fusion of this with technology and people spaces that cater to current and emerging needs. In education, this must also include the creation of learning spaces that offer a point of difference over classrooms.

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WHAT TO EXPECT - THE BIGGER PICTURE:

Each consult starts with a discussion about what you wish to achieve and where possible, some insight into budget so that Kevin can pitch a set of recommendations that are achievable within that.

Recommendations are always highly practical, easy to understand and reinforced with inspirational images to demonstrate advice visually.

Depending on your needs, a typical consultation might explore areas such as:

- Layout and management of traffic flow
- Strategies that maximise productivity of space
- Innovative visual merchandising solutions for physical collections
- Detailed and specific advice on shelving
- Library specific navigational signage solutions
- Creation of independent and collaborative workspaces
- Specification of seating
- Advice and inspiration on interior décor
- Contemporary display and marketing solutions

“Kevin’s ideas were well thought out, well presented and easy to implement”

Corleen Gallinger | Greenfield Community School | DUBAI

AUSTRALIA:

With regular travel scheduled, Kevin is able to offer a fee structure that is inclusive of all travel- related expenses. Contact Kevin direct for information on when he will next be in your region, or to coordinate a time that suits you.

INTERNATIONAL:

Kevin travels regularly to The USA, Europe, United Arab Emirates and Asia. Where possible, linking projects together to reduces travel costs. Contact him direct to discuss your needs, dates and fee structure.

“All librarians can use a dose of Kevin’s logic and understanding about what makes a relevant, contemporary library. I would recommend him without hesitation”

Rebecca Battistoni | Anglo American School, Sofia | BULGARIA

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REFURBISHMENTS & UPGRADES | 9am-3.30pm

Drawing on extensive experience in the design, refurbishment and reinvigoration of libraries, Kevin can provide big-picture planning advice, detailed recommendations for refurbishment or simply an injection of fresh ideas within a nominated budget.

Each consult starts with a discussion about what you wish to achieve. Following this, Kevin will tour the library and generate specific recommendations. He then shows photographs to demonstrate ideas visually.

The second half of a full day meeting is generally used to plan detail, document recommendations and create and an action plan to hand over at the end of the day.

NEW LIBRARIES & DESIGN PROJECTS

From generating a design vision, to review of architects plans and helping ensure operational needs are met, Kevin can help navigate what can, but not need not be a complex task.

A basic package includes review of existing plans, an online preliminary meeting, followed by a full day planning session. Alternatively, a tailored approach can be designed to support you from vision and planing through to implementation.

HALF-DAY | SPECIFIC AREA OF INTEREST | 3.5 HRS

A half-day consultation is geared toward the needs of small libraries with a very limited budget or those seeking advice on a specific area only - such as signage or seating. Due to time constraints, a half day planing session does not allow time for the provision of documented notes.

STANDARD REMOTE CONSULT | ONLINE

Providing an overview of your project scope, a set of photographs or footage and basic information on existing resources equips Kevin with necessary information to schedule an initial online meeting to discuss possibilities. This is followed up with the preparation of a set of highly specific practical recommendations, with supporting photographs which Kevin delivers via a second online planning session (usually 2-hours)

Both a copy of report and a recording of Kevin's presentation is made available online. If required, key supplier quotes (shelving, furniture, signage and display tools) can be be arranged to assist with budget planning.

FEE STRUCTURE

Contact Kevin Hennah for information on his availability and fee structure in your region.

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FEEDBACK | EDUCATION

"Powerful, cutting edge ideas for Librarians - Timely and needed"

Michelle Davis | Rockridge Secondary School. West Vancouver. CANADA

Thanks for getting us thinking and challenging our perceptions of library use and design!"

Beth Mc Nally. | Law Ting Pong Secondary School. HONG KONG

"I feel I have no more excuses! Our space will change for the better. So inspired by Kevin's signage, layout, design ideas – all possible on our budget"

Nancy Barnes Trimm | Gunnisoon County libraries. Colorado. USA

"Thank you for an inspiring day – fantastic"

Lara Keller | Saigon south international school. VIETNAM

"Thank you for a superb workshop, I've learned so much! I must say that this was the best workshop & PD that I have ever been to"

Sarah Handley | Prem international School, Chiang Mai. THAILAND

"Great ideas that are achievable. His delivery with lots of pictures was amazing! I really enjoyed it"

Erina Fukuhara | Kowloon Junior School. HONG KONG

"Practical, pragmatic ideas we can use. I loved it and am leaving newly inspired to forge ahead with change"

Christine Sousa e Sa' | St Julian's School. PORTUGAL

"Beyond my high expectations. Provoking me to action"

Amanda Bond | Istanbul international Community School. ISTAMBUL

"Amazing ideas. I can't wait to get back to my library and purge and weed!"

Eileen Ray | Aiglon College. SWITZERLAND

"Very clear, practical solutions backed up with rationale pertinent to an educational setting and mindful of the challenges that we encounter"

Kate Vaughan | British School Jakarta. INDONESIA

"This workshop lived up to expectations and provided enough ideas to keep going for years"

Lynne Starrenburg. International School of Eindhoven | NETHERLANDS

"Kevin was informative and inspiring. This is spot-on what I needed to hear as we are about to design three new library spaces"

Paige Spilles | The American International School of Muscat. OMAN

"Kevin shared his knowledge with so much enthusiasm. I feel inspired and well equipped to make changes!"

Karen Melski. [Gems World Academy | SINGAPORE](#)

"Kevin Henna has visited our school library on 2 occasions. The first in 2018 when he supplied us with invaluable advice and guidance on the purchase of new shelving and signage, and great ideas on how to successfully genrefy our collection. We implemented all his suggestions and the results were fabulous. Kevin's second visit was in 2022. We had been given the go ahead to do a renovation, but with a relatively small budget, didn't want to waste money unnecessarily. By the end of the day, we had a great new layout incorporating office and workroom spaces as well as collaborative and classroom spaces for the students. We also had carpet, colour scheme, wall decor and furniture sorted. It was a very positive day as Kevin is passionate about keeping libraries relevant and very knowledgeable on all aspects of library makeovers. We will be implementing all his suggestions this year and can't wait to see the finished product."

Robyn Clark | [Brentwood Secondary College | Victoria. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Opened up the next 'layer' of what to do. I expected to be challenged and wasn't disappointed. Kevin always gets beneath the surface layer of comfortability and challenges what I do and why I do it - in a fun yet thoughtful forum"

Megan Reynolds | [Grace Christian school. WA. AUSTRALIA](#)

"I wouldn't have believed I could take away so many great ideas - and not necessarily expensive"

Adrienne Read | [Beerwah State High school. QLD. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Felt I was given a way to push my library into the 21st Century"

Maria Bryant | [Warilla High School. NSW. AUSTRALIA](#)

"I've come away with a wealth of fresh ideas and most importantly the motivation to implement them. Your humour and insights into the library world make you well qualified to help us laugh at ourselves and identify the typical traits of outdated practice"

Janelle Fairley | [Kedron State High school. QLD. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Full of practical advice on how to implement a vision. You understood exactly what is happening at the coalface and gave ideas for solutions"

Cheryl Hardy | [Mabel Park State High School QLD. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Well presented, relevant, insightful, inspiring. If we can implement even half of these ideas we'll see amazing change"

Kathryn Roberts | [Indooroopilly State High School. QLD. AUSTRALIA](#)

FEEDBACK | PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Kevin, I wanted to let you know that the Batlow Library has opened to the public. Everything looks great and we've already had some tremendously positive comments about how great everything looks. I cannot tell you how impressed I have been with the quality of the [suppliers you suggested]. Thank you so much for your assistance in getting this space designed and setup, I couldn't have done it without you.

[Kristin Twomey | Manager Customer Experience & Technology | Snowy Valleys Council. AUSTRALIA](#)

"I just wanted to quickly share our thanks and appreciation for today's session. Your insights and the ideas provided through your presentation will be invaluable to the rest of our planning and implementation process. I have already received overwhelmingly positive feedback on the session from the team, and there is a real buzz around the project – which is always a good thing!"

[Lauran Waugh | Research and Administration Librarian | Hume Libraries. VIC. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Great ideas, different perspective, eye-opening! Thank you"

[Caroline Hopper | Sunshine Coast Libraries. QLD. AUSTRALIA](#)

"What a great breath of fresh air. An experienced professional who can explain in everyday language where libraries can improve and be relevant to their communities"

[Michelle Head | Albury City libraries. NSW. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Very inspirational and exactly what I needed prior to planning the fit out and design of our new library".

[Kathy Matthews | Shire of Bridgetown, WA. AUSTRALIA](#)

"Love it! Today was so inspiring. Covered so much more than I was expecting!"

[Ruth Josif | Alice Springs Public Library. NT. AUSTRALIA](#)

"A lot of new and provocative ideas were raised. It's really changes my perception of what libraries can be in the future"

[Kate Burbeck | Alice springs Public Library. AUSTRALIA](#)

"So many great ideas that should be easy to implement to increase usage of the library"

[Ian stone | City of bayswater Public library. WA. AUSTRALIA](#)

"A thoroughly engaging and inspiring afternoon. Kevin has shown me glimpses of what my library can become in the near future and allowed me to acknowledge what we are currently doing right. The future is no longer something to fear. It is something to be designed and marketed to all, with pride and enthusiasm."

[Laurin Martin | GOTAFE. VIC. AUSTRALIA](#)