



Architect Rem Koolhaas of The Office for Metropolitan Architecture (OMA) designed a definite city Landmark. The Seattle Central Library is a delightful experience rich with volumes and spaces that reveal themselves differently depending on the position they are viewed from. Interesting to know that the main form givers are the functionality of the Library and the site restrictions.

Architect Joshua Ramus, partner at the Rem Koolhaas-led Office for Metropolitan Architecture explains: "Although the library is sculptural, it is not in any way an attempt to make a form. The library's appearance comes from pushing boxes around to stay within the height and setback restrictions and zoning codes."



Fig 1.20: City of Seattle, Washington, USA, Seattle Central Library, designed by OMA



The building's facade is a complex, geometric, blue-tinted metal lattice that creates a series of shadows on the ground. The building is a prime example of modern architecture, and the walkway is a key feature of the design.





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SEATTLE CENTRAL LIBRARY
The Seattle Central Library is a multi-story building with a distinctive, angular, white, diamond-patterned facade. The building is situated in an urban environment, with other tall buildings visible in the background and a street with cars in the foreground.