

## St Albans Library



Ingletton Wood LLP was recently tasked with refurbishing St Albans Library into a modern and inviting facility that reflected the ambitions and values of Hertfordshire Libraries. Using a creative combination of Forbo Flooring Systems' Tessera carpet tiles, the contemporary colour palettes and versatile designs within the modular range added a new dimension to the interior scheme. The renovation of St Albans Library, Hertfordshire's busiest library, is part of the council's plans to gradually update all of the libraries in the county. With an improved children's area, IT and study facilities, low-level shelving to overlook the city's skyline, as well as the development of a new CreatorSpace, the flexible library now provides visitors of all ages the opportunity to get creative, develop new skills and borrow books. For the interior design, it was vital that the finishes helped to enhance this vision. Nicole Flynn, Interior Designer at Ingletton Wood LLP, said: "The colour scheme throughout the library is based around the Hertfordshire Libraries logo; blue, green and purple. When it came to the flooring, it was vital that the chosen products were hardwearing due to the sheer volume of traffic that the library experiences. While we needed to adopt the colours of the brand logo, we also wanted to add stylish and creative interest to the flooring scheme and Forbo's Tessera carpet tile collection provided us with maximum design flexibility to be able to achieve this. We coordinated the semi plain design of Tessera Create Space 1 with the geometric striped pattern of Tessera Create Space 2 to create a dynamic design throughout." Tessera carpet tiles are renowned for their aesthetic styling and outstanding performance, even in the most demanding of heavy traffic environments – such as St Albans Library. Nicole continued: "As well as revitalising the existing space, we also extended the old staff room and transformed that area into Hertfordshire's third CreatorSpace facility. The CreatorSpace hosts an array of creative technology resources, such as green screen technology, iMac computers, 3D printing, virtual reality headsets and sewing machines. Throughout this space, we used Tessera Teviot carpet tiles in Neptune. Manufactured from 100% Aquafil polyamide, and boasting a high castor chair rating, it has the resilience and durability needed to contend with heavy traffic conditions, which

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Interior Design	Nicole Flynn, Ingletton Wood LLP
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Tessera Create  
Space 1  
violetta



Tessera Teviot  
neptune



Tessera Create  
Space 1  
ultramarine



Bulletin Board  
oyster shell



Tessera Create  
Space 1  
peridot



Bulletin Board  
hot salsa



Bulletin Board  
blue berry

