SUNZU LIBRARY

Rwanda, Africa

Project Proposal
Program distribution / arrangement

The library is composed of one large multi-use space. Smaller compartments are connected to this large space. A courtyard view on the east side faces the lake.
The library will be a multi-functional space inviting children, women and men to enjoy the indoor and outdoor spaces. The materials of the building will consist primarily of volcanic stone, brick, and clay tile roofing.
The site plan shows a multi-level building with large exterior patios to the north, south and east. The space will be flexible to accommodate multiple uses.
Roof Design

This section shows the building interacting with the terraced site. The roof is angled to allow for an abundance of light to enter the space. A downward sloping roof will line the north, south and east facades to cover the exterior veranda around the building.
Interior view of common space and library

The large common area inside is lined with operable doors to the east to invite in the outdoors and expand the floor plan for larger gatherings. The second level is separated by bookshelves and desks for learning.
Desk + Bookshelf Unit

Bookshelves and desks are integrated into units to maximize space and create multiple uses with the furniture.
Box Window + Seating

Windows on the west side are designed with a “popped” frame that creates seating on the interior of the building.