

JACKSON • HINDS

LIBRARY  
SYSTEM



300 North State Street  
Jackson, MS 39201-1799  
Tel. 601.968.5825  
Fax. 601.968.5817

January 13, 2015

To Whom It May Concern,

With this letter it is my pleasure to recommend to you, Chris Pizzuto, a design professional with whom I have worked for over 10 years. I first met Chris when I began renovating and designing new library spaces as an academic library director in 2006. Since that time, he has also helped me with projects while I was the Executive Director of two different public library systems. Over the course of the 10+ years we have worked together, Chris has helped me successfully deliver 11 successful library projects including 3 brand-new multi-million dollar Katrina replacement libraries. Whether the project has been small or large, Chris has never failed to make my projects a complete success. After just a few design experiences, I began to realize that Chris was not only an extremely creative and talented space planner and library furniture salesperson, but that he is truly a visionary who can design public spaces that people love to repeatedly visit and use. The libraries that he and I have worked together on have all become well-loved and extremely popular public places that people immediately accept and visit time after time. Whether he is laying out a computer space for children, teens or adults, a library café or a magical \$100,000+ children's library with a pirate ship or a full-size gingerbread house, he always delivers something that the public will love.

Better yet, Chris is the consummate professional throughout the entire process of designing and deploying the new space. He listens to what a customer wants, adds his own unique and imaginative ideas and comes up with a package that always meets or exceeds the customer's expectations. Best of all, he can work with any kind of budget and stays with the customer all the way through from the first meeting to the delivery and set-up and opening of the space. He is well known in both Louisiana and Mississippi as an outstanding design professional, and all of my fellow public library directors respect him greatly. I recently worked with Chris to design an \$800,000+ multicultural fairy tale library for one of my libraries in the City of Jackson. He is able to take every job in size, from hundreds of thousands in cost or a more modest amount of funding and select the furniture, shelving and custom items then manage the project through to a successful outcome.

This is why I can strongly recommend Chris Pizzuto to you without reservation. In fact, any company working with clients to design public spaces of any kind would be extremely fortunate to have him, and I would urge you to considering hiring him if you have the chance to do so. You will not be disappointed in his abilities or talent.

Sincerely yours,

Patty Furr  
Executive Director