



AUSTIN PUBLIC LIBRARY AND LOCAL BRIDGE UTILIZE BANKER WIRE WOVEN WIRE MESH

MUKWONAGO, WI — March 2019 — With more than 600,000 users, the Austin Public Library provides a wide range of information and services to enrich the lives of library cardholders and the greater Austin community. The Central Library, which opened in October 2017, has become a vibrant hub of cultural activity that is redefining the traditional library experience. Providing the entire community access to boundless knowledge through cutting-edge technology, extensive print and digital collections, and dynamic programming—the facility also features flexible blended spaces designed to meet the ever-changing needs of the Austin community.

Designed by award-winning Lake Flato Architects and Shepley Bullfinch, the building, which overlooks the iconic Lady Bird Lake, has earned multiple awards and was listed a TIME Magazine 'Best Place to Visit in 2018'. Banker Wire's M44-2, L-115 wire mesh were both sourced for the library's exterior design. The L-115 2-inch wire mesh was applied in a screen format to the open-air reading porch—a covered outdoor extension of the children's library— designed to enhance their reading experience and spark imagination, by allowing the natural light to flood the room. This large square weave was selected in Powder Coated finish and can be woven in a variety of alloys including stainless steel, plain steel, weathering steel, pre-galvanized, galfan®, aluminum, bronze, brass, and copper.

Banker Wire's M44-2 was selected in stainless steel for the 2nd Street Bridge, the 2nd Street right-of-way, and the Shoal Creek Greenbelt, just outside of the Library. The contemporary, high definition lock crimp weave of M44-2 with a 4.5-inch square pattern provides a beautiful consistent repeat pattern. Integrated with lighting, the mesh application on the bridge helps to reflect and illuminate the walkway at night, linking the new library property and redeveloped neighborhood with downtown Austin.

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About Banker Wire

Banker Wire is the world's leading manufacturer of woven and welded wire mesh for architectural and industrial applications. With the most modern and productive mill in North America, Banker Wire prioritizes quality and efficiency to deliver the best wire mesh possible at an unbeatable value. Versatile wire looms and state-of-the-art grid welding equipment provide the ability to manufacture a wide range of wire mesh in nearly any alloy, spacing, and diameter configurations. Founded in 1896, Banker Wire's manufacturing expertise has been refined for more than a century, bringing unmatched customization, quality, and service to customers. For more information visit www.bankerwire.com.

About Architectural Woven Wire Mesh

Pre-crimped woven wire mesh is constructed of individual wires that are crimped prior to being woven together on a loom. Pre-crimping the wires provides a much higher degree of control during the weaving process. This allows for far more intricate and interesting patterns, as well as unique customization, to meet the vision of the designer. Banker Wire has refined and innovated its crimping process more than any other manufacturer, delivering more than 8,000 different spacing, diameter, and crimp combinations, plus endless customization options. As a result, Banker can make any woven wire mesh pattern imaginable – manufactured to specify for any project type.

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