

# Sustainability & Scholarship



## Austintown Library Project Highlights EcoStar's Commitment to Environment and Education

**A**ustintown Library in Austintown, Ohio, recently made an educated green statement by using EcoStar Majestic Slate tiles. "The Austintown library's goal was to demonstrate that function, beauty and strength can all be achieved by using earth-friendly materials," said Robert Mastriana, architect of The 4M Company, located in Boardman, Ohio.

The library, featuring a number of green products, displayed "environmentally-safe" materials from top to bottom. EcoStar's Majestic Slate tiles, made of 100 percent recycled materials, crown 19,940 square feet of library space.

The benefits of the Majestic Slate tiles are not only demonstrated through architecture, but also through longevity. Made of 100 percent-recycled industrial rubber and plastic, these unique tiles are supported with a 50-year warranty. Injection molded using a special formula that protects the integrity of the rubber; EcoStar roofing products offer an environmentally friendly, long-lasting roofing alternative.

And these unique benefits were reaped by more than just one library in Mahoning County. The Poland Library also designed by The 4M Company, featured EcoStar roofing tiles. The Austintown branch library, which opened Oct. 11, 2002, is part of the public library of Youngstown and Mahoning County system of 19 libraries.



The Austintown Library features a contemporary one-floor design highlighted by a white brick veneer exterior and a traditional gable roof. Multiple reverse gable reading alcoves command a 10:12 pitch, forming 22-foot modules, creating intimate study areas for library guests. Approximately 285 squares of Majestic Slate in smoke gray were used for the entire roof structure.

In addition to the sustainable benefits of the EcoStar tiles, the product is also extremely durable against the elements. "Some of the products we used were simply a better investment in that they were more durable and came with a better warranty," said Mastriana. The Majestic Slate tiles offer supreme protection from hail, driven rain and high winds. Featuring a Gold Star or Limited Materials warranty

and available with a 100 mph wind warranty, Majestic Slate provides strength without the burden of extreme weight. The tiles weigh a total of 1.26 pounds, alleviating stress to buildings and injury complications for applicators.

With the many benefits of the EcoStar tiles, it is not a surprise that educational facilities are taking advantage of this non-traditional roofing product. From durability to aesthetics, and earth-friendly to contractor-friendly characteristics, EcoStar products are receiving an "A+" with educational institutions. Be ahead of the competition and move to the head of the class with this premium roofing product.

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