Altieri

FOLGER SHAKESPEARE LIBRARY

ARCHITECT

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LOCATION

Washington D.C.

SIZE

12,000 SF underground expansion; 20,000 SF renovation

COMPLETION EXPECTED

June 2024



Folger Shakespeare Library, founded in 1932, is home to the world's largest Shakespeare collection. The building transformation is intended to draw more visitors to its renowned collection by making it more accessible to the public. The new underground space will feature a vault for the Library's 82 Shakespeare first folios, four new galleries, an exhibition hall, space for changing exhibitions, and collaborative spaces and classrooms for research and education. The expansion will enable the Great Hall to return to its original use as a gathering space for visitors and Folger Theatre audiences. The exterior of the building will not change, but a new entrance sequence will be enhanced with new gardens and landscape by OLIN.

The scope of Altieri's work - upgrading and replacing existing systems - is Schematic Design through Construction Administration. We conducted a Feasibility Study, including site investigations, to survey and evaluate existing conditions. The project is currently under construction.