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Industry Group Honors the Terrazzo Floor in the Atrium of the State Library, Archives and Museum Building

JUNEAU -- The National Terrazzo & Mosaic Association, an industry group, has given an Honor Award to the new State Library, Archives and Museum (SLAM) building in Juneau for its 10,000-square-foot epoxy terrazzo installation.

The atrium's terrazzo floor includes a detailed and accurately scaled map of Alaska and part of Russia, incorporating three contrasting colors of recycled concrete aggregate and zinc and brass divider strips. To support a radiant heat system in the slab, expansion joints were introduced into the terrazzo without detracting from the design. ECI/Hyer Inc. of Anchorage was the architect, and Corradini Corp. of Fountain Valley, Calif., was the terrazzo contractor.

“When visitors enter the Andrew P. Kashevaroff Building, their eyes are drawn upward by the eagle tree located at the end of the atrium. As their eyes drift downward, they see the map of Alaska at their feet,” said Patience Frederiksen, Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives and Museums. “These visitors are immediately drawn into the grandeur of this state, from abundant wildlife to meandering rivers, a huge ocean coastline, and our proximity to Russia. This terrazzo floor sets the mood for what visitors will learn as they tour the State Museum or do research at the State Library and State Archives.”

The legislature named the SLAM building, which opened in June 2016, the Father Andrew P. Kashevaroff State Library, Archives and Museum to honor the Alaska Territory's first museum curator and historical librarian. Father Kashevaroff, a descendant of Russian explorers and the Alutiq people of the Kodiak area, served in those positions from 1919 until his death in 1940.

To see the terrazzo floor: <https://ntma.com/7102-slam/>

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