

## Case Study

# Pendleton County Public Library



### Details

Location: Falmouth, KY  
Description: 4,000 square-feet of  
ECOsurfaces  
Flooring Choice:  
ECOearth Pumpkin Patch,  
Mountain Majesty, Hot Tomalis  
and Rolling Stone; ECOsand Old  
Bay and Teaky Torch

### Project Needs

Sustainable  
Quiet  
Wears well

### Project Benefits

Slip resistant  
Durable  
Easy to clean

# Pendleton County Library Tells a Green Story

As public institutions go, libraries are one of the cornerstones of any community. With so many people using these facilities, a library that is sustainable demonstrates good environmental stewardship. The county libraries in Kentucky have worked to be more sustainable from the ground up, beginning with the floors. The surfaces installed in these buildings tell a green story to their readers.

One of the newest libraries in Kentucky, the Pendleton County Public Library in Falmouth, features two ECOsurfaces products – ECOearth in pumpkin patch, mountain majesty, hot tomali, and rollin stone and ECOSand in old bay and teaky torch.

ECOsurfaces is a rubber flooring manufactured by ECORE, a company where recycling meets original thinking. ECORE is North America's largest consumer of recycled scrap-tire

rubber, reusing more than 80 million pounds of material each year. Ecore then takes this reclaimed rubber and makes it into flooring, underlayments, and industrial products, extending the life of each manufactured product and keeping rubber waste out of landfills. Products, such as ECOsurfaces, can contain up to 92 percent recycled content.

Mike Thompson, a sales representative with Source One Contract, has worked with the county libraries in Kentucky for years, helping them to select flooring for new construction and renovation projects. "The architects these libraries are working with are recommending ECOsurfaces replace every area you would use carpet," said Thompson. "They like ECOsurfaces, because it's quiet, slip resistant, requires little maintenance, and is durable. They also like the green story. Most of these libraries are LEED certified, so that's important. If the

architects aren't recommending it, the library staff is specifying it. There are about seven to eight county libraries in Kentucky that already have this product installed."

Even though these floors tell a great green story, they also serve as an acoustical solution in facilities that pride themselves on being quiet. That's because anything made out of rubber inherently has strong acoustic properties. ECOsurfaces offers the perfect combination of resilience and internal damping, drastically reducing the propagation of any heavy impacts and vibrations.

When it comes to the Pendleton County Library, "the staff is very pleased," says Thompson. "The staff from a number of county libraries meets twice a year for a conference. All of them love the new floors and are jealous if they don't have ECOsurfaces in their library."

