

Diane K. Lam

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Summary Creative and collaborative Interior Designer with specialized expertise in FF&E design, procurement, and project management for education and library environments. Known for building strong, lasting partnerships with leading architectural firms and higher education institutions.

Portfolio Dianelamdesign.com

Experience **Diane Lam Design, (Dotrio, Inc.), Principal/Owner**, Los Angeles, 2006 – present
Interior Design, FF&E Consulting Services

Selected Education Projects

Rio Hondo College - L Tower Administration Building

Whittier, CA | 60,000SF | FF&E Budget: \$850k | Completed 2024 | Architect: tBP/Architecture

- Led FF&E design, budgeting, and procurement strategy for a high profile District Headquarters and administrative building supporting faculty and student services.
- Collaborated closely with architectural team and college stakeholders to deliver a functional, future-ready workspace.

AUHSD - Magnolia High School Cybersecurity Classroom and Administration Building

Anaheim, CA | 35,000SF | FF&E Budget: \$300k | Completed 2024 | Architect: Johnson Favaro

- Oversaw FF&E selection and coordination tailored for STEM environments providing furnishings that best support the integration of technology.

The Seed School of Los Angeles

Los Angeles, CA | 90,000SF | FF&E Budget: \$1.5m | Completed 2023 | Architect: Abode Communities

- Managed comprehensive FF&E services for a new public boarding school, aligning design solutions with the school's mission and residential needs.
- Coordinated with nonprofit partners, school leadership, general contractor, and vendors to streamline procurement and furniture installation within a challenging construction timeline.

Chapman University Sandi Simon Center for Dance

Orange, CA | 72,000SF | Completed 2023 | Architect: Lorcan O'Herlihy Architects

- Provided design support and FF&E consultation for performance-focused academic interiors tailored to dance and movement studies working closely with architect and University Campus Planning leadership.

Additional Education Clients & Projects Include:

- **Chapman University** - Smith Institute for Political Economy and Philosophy, Chapman Court Student Housing
- **UCLA** - Geffen Academy at UCLA, UCLA Extension Administrative Offices
- **Orange Coast College** - Chemistry Building
- **The Center for Early Education**, West Hollywood
- **USC** - Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work Administrative Offices

Selected Library Projects

Beaumont Library District

Beaumont, CA | 21,000SF | FF&E Budget: \$450k | Completed 2025 | Architect: TSK Architects

- Led FF&E planning and procurement for this modernized public library, specified furnishings that enhanced the character of the traditional Carnegie building while also addressing the more modern and current needs of the community.

Glendale Central Library Youth Services

Glendale, CA | 10,000SF | FF&E Budget: \$360k | Completed 2024 | Architect: Johnson Favaro

- Selected dynamic, age-appropriate furnishings to encourage reading, interaction, and creative exploration for young users from early childhood to teens.
- Balanced playful aesthetics with robust materials for high-use public space.

Riverside Main Library

Riverside, CA | 40,000SF | FF&E Budget: \$800k | Completed 2021 | Architect: Johnson Favaro

- Oversaw comprehensive FF&E procurement for a flagship downtown library serving diverse user groups and multipurpose programming.
- Collaborated with the architect to reflect Riverside's cultural and architectural identity through furniture and finishes while maintaining long-term durability.

Additional Library Projects Include:

- Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Public Library, Costa Mesa, CA
- Corona Del Mar Branch Library, Corona Del Mar, CA
- Pico Branch Public Library, Santa Monica, CA
- Crowell Public Library, San Marino, CA

LACCD Sustainable Building Program, *Interior Designer*, Los Angeles, Mar 2009 – Nov 2012

FF&E Project Management and Procurement

Led district-wide procurement for furniture, carpet, and fabric, including product research, vendor selection, and bid management. Supported the creation of master agreements in collaboration with the CollegeBuys program and BuildLACCD. Co-authored contract language for interior design scopes and served as liaison between A&D firms, vendors, and program leadership. Developed standardized library furniture and shelving contracts for district-wide implementation. Managed campus-specific FF&E projects across multiple colleges, including budgeting, selection, quoting, installation scheduling, and move-in coordination. Ensured ADA, IT, A/V, and electrical integration while working closely with faculty, administration, and construction teams.

Publications

["Johnson Favaro and Diane Lam Design Eschew the Expected for the Riverside Main Library in California"](#),
Interior Design, March 2022

["The Costa Mesa Donald Dungan Library Reinterprets Historic West Coast Architectural Styles"](#),
Interior Design, March 2020

Education

Cornell University, Master of Arts, Interior and Environmental Design, 1987

University of California, Los Angeles, Bachelor of Arts, Design, 1985

NCIDQ Certified

Professional Activities

LA Philharmonic Affiliates Board Member | San Marino-Pasadena Philharmonic Committee, Los Angeles, CA 2018-2025

Spiritual Care Advisory Board Member | Spiritual Care Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA 2018-2025

Fun Fact

Part of a team of five that led the redesign of American Airlines' Signature First Class Cabin and spearheaded a fleet-wide interior refurbishment in the mid-1990s—including custom seating, finishes, and in-flight amenities—leaving a lasting mark on the travel experience of millions.