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NOVEL IDEA

GIVEN THE PROPER DESIGN NARRATIVE, A LIBRARY—NO MATTER HOW BIG OR SMALL—CAN BE TRANSFORMED INTO A MASTERPIECE.

Like a book buried amongst a shelf of its literary peers, a library may sometimes be an untapped room in a home. Often thought of as dark, mahogany-clad alcoves, a rich yet modern space can emerge when fashioned with the right details. “Don’t shy away from mixing styles or lightening things up,” says designer Edda Elias, who imagined this library in Lawrence, New York. “Have a sense of whimsy when selecting furniture and decorative pieces.” Here, traditional wood paneling and an octagonal wood floor echoed in the ceiling opening create the backdrop for sleek pieces arranged for diverse uses. “I wanted to ensure that in each area, there was a feeling of intimacy and comfort.” Two words that surely elicit the very essence of what a library should be.



Amethyst and cast bronze join forces in this dazzling lamp. *Pair of Amethyst & Bronze Lamps*, price upon request; craigvandenbrulle.com



Celerie Kemble reinterpreted the classic game table into this chic piece for Maitland-Smith. *Mirror Glass Inlaid Backgammon Game Table*, \$3,147; maitland-smith.com



The unpolished nature of petrified wood bookends counterbalances sleek cabinetry. *Petrified Wood Bookend*, \$98 each; jaysonghome.com



Organic lines and a textural leather seat make for a playful reading perch. *Elka Chair*, \$1,715; bernhardt.com