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Adjaye Associates has been picked to lead on the design of a $50m library and events centre for Winter Park City in Florida.

The practice will work with local firm Horton/Bradley Architects on the building, starting this month.

Winter Park, which is part of the Orlando metropolitan area, cited Adjaye's idea Studios in east London in selecting his "head-turning" expertise in library design.

It also referenced his neighborhood libraries in Washington DC, and his recently-completed National Museum of African-American History and Culture in the US capital.

Mayor of Winter Park Steve Leary said the city was eager to begin working with the "world-class team" of Adjaye and Horton/Bradley.

Adjaye said Winter Park's vision for the project "fully embraced" the continued evolution of the library in the 21st century.

"With a diverse program that recognizes it as a critical piece of cultural infrastructure, this will be a dynamic space for shared education, recreation and interaction," he said.

"I am thrilled to be working with the city on a design that I hope can become a true beacon for its neighbourhood, with resonance for the entire community."

Winter Park last year approved the launch of a $50m bond to finance the library's construction.

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