

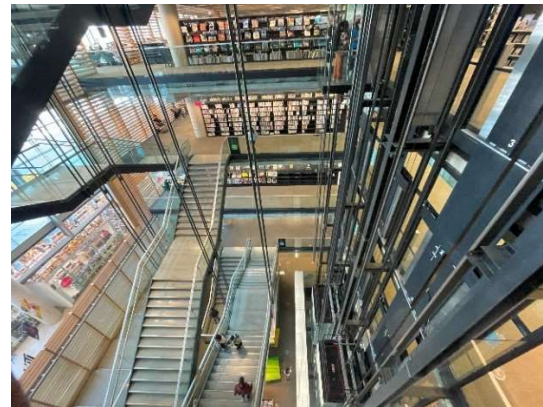
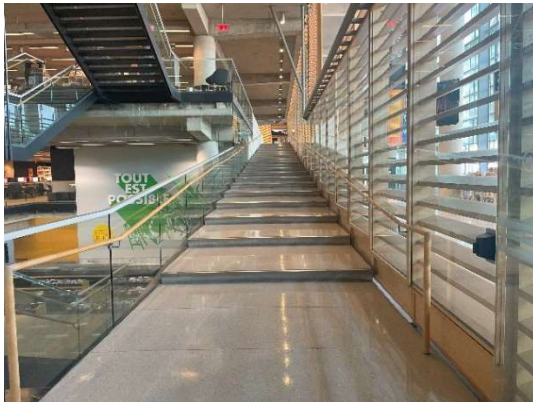
The See-Through Library

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Depending on where you walk in from, the Grande Bibliothèque de BAnQ might greet you with the art garden, the rotating doors from the metro or the lobby but you will most likely end up crossing the wide grey steps that lead to the first floor. These steps are very low and easy to climb compared to all the other stairs. The striped carpet which covers all the floors is the same color as the stairs.

The library gives off a very open vibe because a lot of its elements are exposed such as the elevators with their glass boxes and visible cables and the glass walls instead of opaque walls. Also, the ceiling is very high, but slightly lower near the bookcases. This makes the entire building visible from most areas.

The set up is the same on every floor which highlights its very organized atmosphere especially with the large number of rectangular shapes and straight lines. The bookcases, the elevator structure and the staircase structure have the same shade of black which suggests that the service elements are represented by this color.

The Grande Bibliothèque de BAnQ is one of my favourite places to go in the city. It has a very calm aura, and the organized environment encourages me to study.