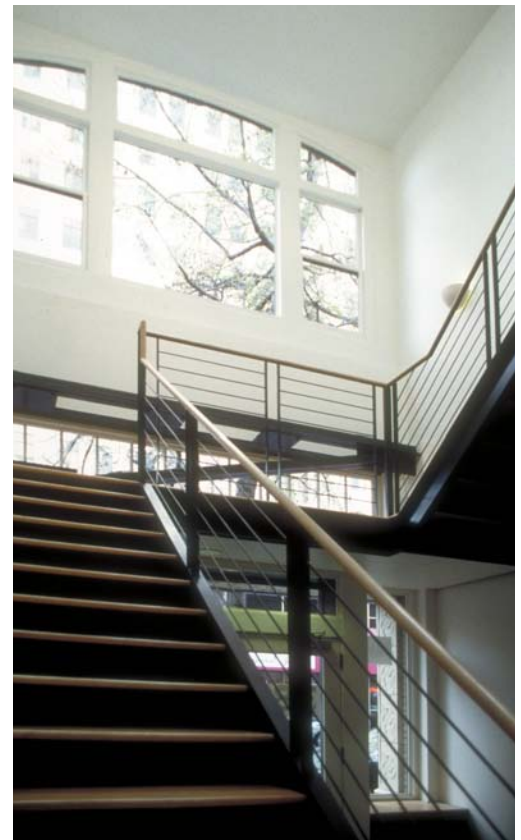


Holmes Building

OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA



DESCRIPTION

The Holmes Building is a two story masonry commercial building constructed in 1923 by the Holmes family, owners of the well known Holmes Bookstore, an Oakland institution. The building has been identified by the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey as a contributing structure within a potential Historic District. The original building includes ground store retail spaces with mezzanines, and second story offices above the mezzanine level.

Scope of work included a seismic upgrade of the entire building, access compliance, restoration of some exterior shop fronts, and remodeling of new entry and lobby for the second floor offices. The new stair was designed to contrast with the old historic fabric and make a graceful, well-lit transition to the high second floor, sixteen feet above the lobby. The second floor was completely gutted and remodeled into first-class office space. The project was closely reviewed by both SHPO and the Oakland Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board.