The Dakota County Galaxie Library wanted to design a space that would provide inspiration yet acoustical function. They turned to the folks at BTR Architects to design an environment of learning and serenity that would also transition the space between the library and atrium.
This spectacular installation consists of 4 cantilevered, custom-bent, oval clouds that range in size from 22' x 26' to 22' x 49'! To achieve the desired NRC value, the CLIPSO engineer specified Acoustic 495 D coverings, custom printed in a violet-blue color, and LA 54 acoustical batting. The CAC140 profiles were bent to specification, custom powder-coated to match the fabric, and reinforced with RA04 reinforcements. Each cloud integrates lighting within the smaller inner circles (also designed using CAC140 profiles), sprinkler heads, and access panels for possible future needs. The clouds are both aesthetically pleasing and also accommodate the acoustical needs of the space.

Brent Simonson, of Innovative Acoustics, says, "The install of the CLIPSO Ceiling at Galaxie Library was a very complex project. There was much collaboration between Innovative Acoustics, CLIPSO, and the design group to make the install possible. We had to think 'outside the box' to make all the details work. With all of the varying aspects of this project, our installers had a blast with the challenges and the finished CLIPSO ceiling looks fabulous! We are looking forward to the next opportunity with new challenges."

The design, the engineering, and the finished product are all out this world! Congratulations to the team at Innovative Acoustics, BTR and CLIPSO on a job well done. This new library design is sure to inspire the imaginations of all who enter!