



National Railways Workshops Exhibit Design

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In 1989, Mexico's newly opened National Railways Museum (Museo Nacional de los Ferrocarriles Mexicanos) in Puebla sought a larger following by conceiving a promotional exhibit to attract younger children. The museum teamed up with publishers and editors to promote a new series of children's books, using a vintage 1930's coach as the venue for an exhibit.

A design team led by CESAR VERGARA rehabilitated the coach, incorporating diagonal dowel floors and light interior colors with details highlighted in light stucco and marble patterns. The exhibit's bookshelves, built by the N de M's Puebla shops, utilized a modular construction that allowed them to be disassembled for transport for use in other venues.

In addition to the book exhibit, a series of sturdy information panels were designed and built by the Puebla metal shops. The panels were used to describe the various pieces of rolling stock displayed at the museum. These self-standing units, constructed of ¼-inch thick carbon steel, had a gracious appearance, that of an open book. The stands were painted and the information displayed in silkscreened text on the diagonal surfaces. These stands became a permanent part of the museum park.



