

DIGSpeak

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THE MONTHLY MISSIVE ABOUT REAL ESTATE + INTERIOR/EXTERIOR DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION/RENOVATION



PROPERTY OF THE MONTH

4 Garden Place - Hyde Park
Not ready for a condo? This rare 2BR/3+1BA home lives on 1 floor. Set in an enclave of estate homes meandering thru the woods on HP's best-kept-secret street. Renovated throughout, all rms feature grand scale & only the finest fits+finishes. Asking \$924,000



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Lori Wellinghoff
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HOW DO YOUR SHELVES STACK UP?

THE COMPLETE FILL. It seems simple but you'd be surprised how many people don't understand how to do this well. Your shelves when completely filled with books will be a commanding visual attraction. Place them according to subject, color or author - and go ahead and stack some vertically once you've placed all the ones that fit side by side.

ALLOCATION. Many folks wish to display beautiful items with the collection of their tomes. Use most shelves for the books, and others for the non-book items, like a top shelf full of pottery, vases, or even a line up of paintings or prints.

INTERSPERSE. Think about mixing it up a bit by placing books throughout the shelves with your non-published treasures. When you do this, it's a good rule of thumb to fill well over half of the shelves with books or it will come off looking as if the books are just fillers and not a collection of something you actually use. (See the accompanying image of a recent project designed by John Harrison, one of our leading interior designers.)



Brian Gibson



John Harrison

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IT'S PAYBACK TIME



Tom Allison

Since DIGS is in the unique position of working in both real estate and construction/renovation, we know first hand the typical 'payback' of an investment when enlarging, updating or even just refreshing your home. Here are some common projects and the percentage return typical if marketed following the project.

Add A New Bathroom,
Estimated Payback: 92%

Remodel Your Bathroom,
Estimated Payback: 25% to 77%

Remodel Your Kitchen
Estimated Payback: 90%

Add A New Family Room
Estimated Payback: 86%

Remodel Your Home Office
Estimated Payback: 69%

Add A Garage
Estimated Payback: 65%

Add A Pool
Estimated Payback: 5% to 15%

Add A New HVAC System
Estimated Payback:
100% for heating system
75% for air conditioning

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THINGS WE DIG

The recent exhibition at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York is truly our 'thing we dug most' this past month. As designer John Harrison said, "This show will reset design for the next decade." Brilliant, wonderful and yes—savage, "**Alexander McQueen: Savage Beauty**" was a watershed moment for the Museum - the highest attendance recorded for a temporary exhibition, as it was for design and fashion itself. Alas, it has closed, but a visual record exists in a book published to capture the moment. It would be a great addition for that bookshelf redesign project you are contemplating.

[Click here to go to the Museum bookstore](#)



NOT TO BE MISSED
UPCOMING EVENTS

Seventh annual SHINDIG, Sunday, October 2
Pre-Hyde Park Art Show brunch at DIGS, 9:30AM - 12:30 PM

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