

Medellín's Parques Biblioteca — Library-Parks Built in the Hillside Comunas, With Mixed Evidence on Social Change

City Innovation Library · Good practice · Colombia

Quality score: 52/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Medellín built ten library-parks (2005-2011) in low-income hillside districts. A 2014 study of Biblioteca España found higher resident satisfaction; a 2018 critique questions how far they changed lives.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	1/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[Municipality of Medellín \(Alcaldía de Medellín\)](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[Holmes & Gutiérrez de Piñeres \(2014\), Stability journal](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[Capillé \(2018\), Bitácora Urbano Territorial](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

[Library park \(Colombia\) — overview](#) — accessed 2026-10-04

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