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The Upper East Side's new 18-storey condominium

20 East End Avenue has 43 residences and an elegant private library



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For many in this fast-paced, high-tech world, reading anything over 140 characters has become a bit *vieux jeu*, but **New York** architect Robert AM Stern has gone against the grain. In his latest project, **20 East End Avenue** (www.20eastend.com; from \$4.5m to \$35m, pictured), an 18-storey condominium on the Upper East Side, Stern has handpicked the books for a private library of New York history. The collection will not only furnish a (very elegant) room, but will conjure up an entire Manhattan lifestyle, with tomes on skyscrapers to city mayors. To gain a library card, all you'll need is the key to one of the 43 residences.