Salt Lake’s main library curves to embrace a public plaza. Opened 2003, the six-story 250,000 square-foot complex uses UV-resistant panels to bathe readers in natural light. Skywalks connect its three main buildings. Spiraling fireplaces resemble columns of flame.
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Pictured: Poders Motors, Pueblo.