

Middlebury College Library

New Construction

The College Library was built on the site of the former Science Center, within view of the College's historic library (now The Donald Everett Axinn '51 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library). Each of the library's three main levels is approximately one acre in size; the top two floors include mezzanines. There are 298 individual study carrels distributed throughout the building, many in four tower-like structures along the northern and southern faces.

The main level, which features a café and 24-hour study area near its entrance, includes information and service desks; a 30-seat lecture hall; 18-seat video conferencing seminar room; two 12-seat video viewing rooms; a video editing lab; 32 individual video viewing carrels; 36 independent study seats; two large study tables wired for network access; a portion of the circulating collection; and many staff offices.

The bulk of the circulating collection is on the upper and lower levels. The lower level also houses staff offices, two classrooms, a reading room, a meeting room, four group study areas, current and bound periodicals, the Vermont Collection, and Special Collections, which features a reading room, display cases, and archival storage.



Environmental considerations and energy efficiency were incorporated in the construction process and building design. The Library's building materials include 11,000 board feet of local certified maple and beech wood, roughly 70% of which was harvested from land at the College's Bread Loaf campus in Ripton.

Completed:	July 2004
Total Square Footage:	135,000 sf
Project Manager:	Tom McGinn
Project Cost:	\$40,000,000
Architect:	Gwathmey Siegel & Associates Architects, New York, NY
Construction Manager:	Lee Kennedy Co Inc, Quincy, MA
Awards:	American Society of Colleges and Universities, Collegiate Citation for Excellence 2007

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