

The Donald Everett Axinn '51 Center for Literary and Cultural Studies at Starr Library

Historic Renovation and New Construction

For over a century Starr Library was the heart of Middlebury's academic life. With the opening of a new, technologically advanced library in 2004, this building was renovated for its new role as the home of Middlebury's distinguished literary and cultural studies departments.

Combining Tradition and Innovation

Located on the historic Old Stone Row quad at Middlebury College, the 82,400 square foot project preserved the original neoclassical Starr Library and the modernist Shepley Pavilion Reading Room, and added 50,000 square feet of new space. Previous additions, which engulfed the original library, were deconstructed and reclaimed materials were used in the new project. The historic reading rooms in the library were restored, other existing spaces were adapted as classrooms, and a 65-seat screening room was added. Two new symmetrical wings, designed to reference the style and character of the College's original Old Stone Row buildings, provide offices for the departments of history, film and media culture, English and American literatures, and the program in American studies. The new space also accommodates technologically "smart" classrooms, a 45-seat tiered classroom, 2-story film production and editing studios, and a light-filled winter garden which overlooks a sustainably landscaped, south-facing courtyard.



Completed:	June 2008
Total Square Footage:	New 48,000 sf Renovation 36,000 sf
Project Manager:	Tom McGinn
Architect:	CBT Architects, Boston, MA
Landscape Architect:	Andropogon Associates, Ltd.
Construction Manager:	Engelberth Construction, Colchester, VT
Project Cost:	\$31,700,000
<u>Awards:</u>	Boston Society of Architects, Sustainable Design Award; Society of College and University Planning, Excellence in Architecture Award

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