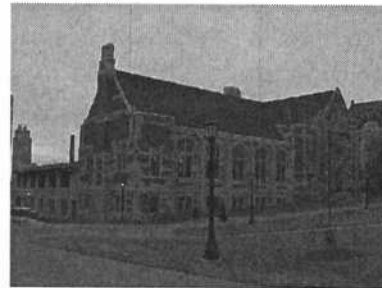


**McCain Library
Agnes Scott College
Decatur, Georgia**



The heritage

When the McCain Library opened in 1936 it exemplified the best of college libraries. The L-shaped collegiate Gothic structure provided space for book collections with very generous growth capacity, but it was much more than an elegant repository for the printed word. Then, as now, the library was envisioned as a focal point for academic pursuits. Seminar rooms allowed the instructional life of the campus to permeate the library. Plentiful seating in beautiful environments encouraged extended study and research, away from the distractions of residence hall life. Other highlights included a film projection room, a typing room, art display space and an outdoor reading terrace.

During the ensuing six decades collections grew and displaced some functions, new services and publishing formats were accommodated, and renovations were made in a piecemeal fashion. The classroom space was lost, and the reading terrace fell into disuse. Efforts to incorporate new technology were problematic and mechanical systems showed their age. By the 1990's the College recognized the need to rejuvenate the library facility.

The future

The renovated and expanded library:

- Provides space to organize, house and access the published records of scholarship in all formats.
- Supplies the infrastructure and equipment to access electronic resources throughout the building.
- Facilitates closer alliances between the library, classroom teaching, and academic support services.
- Creates varied, beautiful spaces for group collaboration, individual study, research, and reflection.
- Ensures functional space for service points, offices and behind-the-scenes operational support.

Building Highlights

First Floor

Main entrance and lobby
Circulation desk
Reference desk and reference collection
Reading room / current periodicals
Cameron Reading Terrace
Readers gallery (around terrace)

Second Floor

Restored special collections room
Archives office and workroom
Archives/rare book compact storage
Library instruction room
Exhibit cases

General features

Stacks capacity for 20 years growth
Group studies on most floors
Working fireplaces refitted with gas logs

Ground Floor

Educational Technology Center:
Language Center / classroom
Laptop-equipped classroom
Technology Production Studio
ASC-TV control center
Media services office

Center for Writing and Speaking:
Writing Center
Speaking Center

Library:
Ground floor service desk
Elmore Reading Room
Media collection
Media carrels and group viewing rooms
Microfilm collection and reader-printers

Project Team

Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback & Associates, Inc.: Architect of Record
Perry Dean Rogers and Partners : Design Consultant and Interior Architect
Uzan & Case: Structural Engineer
HESM&A : Mechanical, Electrical, and Plumbing
LRE/Dames & Moore Engineering Inc.: Civil Engineer
Carol R Johnson Associates, Inc. Landscape Architect
EDI, Ltd. : Data/Voice Consultant
Ramon Luminance Design: Lighting Consultant
Kirkegaard & Associates: Acoustical Consultant
Waveguide Consulting, Inc.: Audio/Visual
John Roll Associates: Graphics
Carter & Associates : Project Management
Beers Construction Company

Building Facts

Furnishings

Tables, carrels:	Thos. Moser of Maine, Bernhardt, KI, Howe
Study chairs:	Thos. Moser of Maine
Lounge seating:	David Edwards, Donghia, Gardenside, Keilhauer, KI, McGuire, Martin Brattrud, Smith & Hawken
Office furnishings:	Haworth
Lamps:	TSAO
Shelving:	Spacesaver
Library seating capacity	294 seats with 80% (234) wired for power and data
Book Collection capacity	Approximately 250,000 volumes
Educational Technology Center	124 seats with 100% wired for power and data
Data lines	Over 18 miles of data cable
Group studies	9
Total Cost:	\$19 million+
Building Cost	\$12 million+
Total construction & renovation	71,126 Square Feet Gross; 61,359 Square Feet Net

