

Transformation

Robert W. Woodruff Library, Atlanta University Center | Atlanta, Georgia

The renovation of the Atlanta University Center Robert W. Woodruff Library (AUC-RWWL) creates a 21st century Learning Commons, an environment that supports the collaborative, interactive, and technology rich teaching, learning, and research methods of AUC students and faculty. A driving factor included developing a central academic village that represents a common language for teaching and learning and instructional technology across the four distinctive institutions within the AUC community; one that integrates digital and print information resources with classrooms, research consultation space, labs, open seating areas, and collaborative work rooms. The renovation implements strategies developed in the Library's 2005 master plan.



“ I like the open space the library has and the positive vibe it provides. A comfortable study environment! ”

“ Inviting... motivates students to perform well. ”

“ Really like how everything is looking, but most of all the comfortability. The essence of ‘Club Woodi’ that we all love is still here! ”

Quotes from January 2010 renovation survey

Lessons Learned

Balance vision and reality

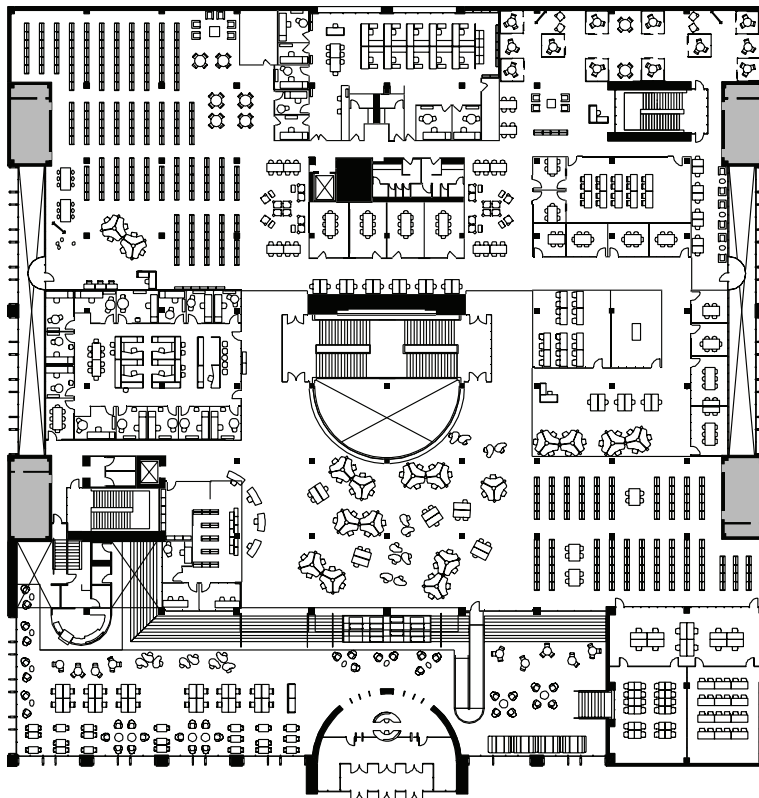
Importance of strong teams
– staff and project

More collaboration between
staff, designers of learning
technologies

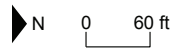
More faculty engagement

Value of stakeholder feedback

Prepare for life in a
construction zone



main level



Woodruff Library Program

Upper Level

Archives Research Center

Main Level

Learning Commons
 Education Resource Center
 Technology Design Studio
 Four Flexible Classroom Spaces
 Four Special Purpose Studios
 Extended-Hours Woodi Cafe
 Research Consultation

Lower Level

Special Collections Space
 Graduate Study Suite
 Main Reading Room

Library Information

Library Staff

24 Librarians
 59.5 non-librarian staff

User Population

8,700 student FTE
 700 faculty FTE

Technology

Full wireless access
 200 public access workstations
 Two presentation practice studios
 Two MAC editing studios

Reader seats: 1,200

About The Robert W. Woodruff Library

The Robert W. Woodruff Library serves the instructional, informational and research needs for member institutions of the Atlanta University Center, the world's largest and oldest consortium of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The institutions that constitute the Center are Clark Atlanta University, the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse College, and Spelman College.

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About Shepley Bulfinch

Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott is a national leader in the master planning and design of academic libraries. In addition to the master plan and phased renovation of the Robert W. Woodruff Library, the firm's current and recent clients include Duke University, Xavier University, Occidental College, and Salem State College.

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Renovation Project Facts

Square feet: 130,000
Budget/Cost: \$16.2 million
Completion date: May 2010