

WEBSTER UNIVERSITY EMERSON LIBRARY FACT SHEET

BUILDING DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

Architects: Perry Dean Rogers Partners Architects, Boston MA

Interior Design: Spellman Brady & Company, St. Louis, MO

Plaza Design: CYLA Design Associates, Oak Park, IL

Contractor: Paric Corporation in association with Kwame Building Group, Inc. St. Louis, MO

Total Project Cost (including construction, equipment, furnishings, & plaza funded in part by the New Traditions Campaign): \$21 million

Area Size: 71,500 square feet

Floors: 5

Ground breaking: October 30, 2001

Open: July 1, 2003

Seating: Over 700

Collection: Over 200,000 volumes of monographs, rare books, periodicals, videos, and other media.



LOCATION

Emerson Library is centrally located on Webster University's St. Louis campus at 101 Edgar Road. It is centrally located between the Sverdrup building and the University Center and directly across the street from the Loretto Hilton Center.

<u>Mailing Address:</u>	<u>Street & Shipping Address:</u>
Emerson Library Webster University 470 E. Lockwood Ave. St. Louis, MO 63119-3194	Emerson Library Webster University 101 Edgar Road St. Louis, MO 63119-3192

PARKING

Two handicapped parking spaces are available in front of the library. Visitor parking is also available in the Garden Plaza Parking Garage on Garden Avenue. Visitors must sign-in at the library service desk.

HOURS

Library hours are posted on the website <http://library.webster.edu> and on the library bookmark.

The Cyber Café is open 24/7 with card swipe access after library hours for students, faculty and staff.

EDEN-WEBSTER LIBRARY SYSTEM

Emerson Library is part of the Eden-Webster Library System, established in 1969. The joint library system serves Webster University & Eden Theological Seminary and is comprised of two library buildings – Eden's Luhr Library and Webster's Emerson Library. Materials in both libraries are available to members of both institutions. Emerson Library's collection of over 200,000 volumes offers materials on the arts and sciences, humanities, and social sciences. Luhr Library's collection of over 80,000 volumes offers materials in religious studies and ethics. Luhr Library is located on the Eden campus at 475 E. Lockwood Ave.

EMERSON LIBRARY FLOOR BY FLOOR

FIRST FLOOR

Circulation /Reserves Service Desk & Self service Check-Out

This is the central service point for check-out of materials, pickup of hold/requested items and assistance with patron records. Self-checkout is also available for borrowers.

Service Desk made possible through the generosity of Jacobs/Sverdrup.

Current Periodicals/New Books

- Current issues of the library's print subscriptions to over 1,500 journals, magazines, and newspapers
- New book display
- Popular reading collection

Current Periodicals and Readers Area made possible through the generosity of the Forsyth Family.

New Books Display area made possible through the generosity of May Department Stores Company and its Famous-Barr, Lord & Taylor, and David's Bridal divisions.

Electronic Classroom

This library instruction classroom with computer stations for 24 students provides space for hands-on learning in database searching and information technologies by the library instructional staff.

Library Classroom made possible through the generosity of Edward Jones Investments.

Lecture Conference Room

This space is suitable for instruction, meetings, receptions, seminars, and catered events. It can be reserved for University events, student organization events, and University hosted events. Variable seating arrangements can accommodate 50 to 100 people. For reservations, contact the University Center Reservations Coordinator, Shana Wilson at (314) 968-7105 or wilsons@webster.edu

Online reservations can be requested at <http://library.webster.edu/facilityrequest.htm>

Lecture/Conference Room made possible through the generosity of Ameren Corporation.

Cyber Café

- 25 multi-function, networked workstations with online access and a variety of software packages
- Open during library hours and available 24/7 via card swipe access for Webster and Eden faculty, students, and staff
- **Jazzman's Café** offering premium coffee, espresso, cappuccino, iced and frozen coffee drinks, smoothies, fresh baked pastries, sandwiches, and salads

Jazzman's Hours:

Mon – Thurs 8 am – 10 pm, Fri 8 am – 4:00 pm, Sat 10 am – 1 pm, Sun Closed

Listening Viewing Center

- Open shelf access to library's multi-media collection of sound and video recordings
- 4 group listening/viewing rooms
- 8 listening/viewing 2-person carrels
- Selected rooms and carrels will enable basic media/downloading functions
- Satellite dish installation for broadcasting of foreign language stations

Listening Viewing Center made possible through the generosity of Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.

SECOND FLOOR

Reference / Electronic Commons

A central service point for electronic and traditional research offers assistance from professional reference librarians, a commons area with 24 online computer research stations, 21,000 reference volumes and seating for researchers. Reference librarian's offices are located on the south wall.

Curriculum Library

The collection covers representative children's literature, textbooks, curriculum guides, kits and other materials to aid students who are preparing to teach or who are currently teaching.

Special Collections/Archives Reading Room

This area provides reading and research space for scholars using the library's rare books, archives and special collections that include the Harry James Cargas Collection, the Henrietta Maizner Hochschild Collection of children's literature, and the Webster University Archives.

Adaptive Technology for Special Needs Users

This area for patrons with special needs offers a variety of adaptive technology equipment to aid users with reading, composing documents and using Internet sites. Equipment includes:

- *Arkenstone Reader* scan and reads pages
- *Dragon Naturally Speaking/Dragon Dictate* composes documents with vocal commands.
- *Jaws* reads windows and menus on computer screens
- *PwWebspeak* is an Internet browser that reads web pages aloud.

Cyber Café, upper level with Quad Level entry

THIRD FLOOR

Book Stacks – Library of Congress call numbers A-M

Study Areas: Group studies, open study area, and individual study carrels

Third floor study area made possible through the generosity of E. Reuben & Gladys Flora Grant Charitable Trust.

Staff Areas: Library Dean's Office & Technical Services & Library Systems Departments

FOURTH FLOOR

Book Stacks – Library of Congress call numbers N-Z

Reading Room & Study Areas: Group studies, open study areas, and individual study carrels are available.

Reading Room made possible through the generosity of Marlyn and Alyn Essman.

Faculty Development Center

The facility provides space and assistance for faculty research and grants implementation, instructional design, online and web-enhanced course development.

The Institute for Excellence in Teaching and Learning – Faculty Development Center made possible through the generosity of Bank of America.

LOWER LEVEL

Bound Periodicals: Back issues of the library's periodicals in bound or microfilm format

Newspaper Microfilm

Archives: Includes compact, high-density shelving for University Archives, the George Adam Smith Archives, and other special collections.

The Archives made possible through the generosity of Patricia and Charles S. Drew, Jr. in memory of his grandfather, the Very Rev. Sir George Adam Smith, D.D., Chaplain to Kings.

STUDY AREAS ON ALL LEVELS

Study areas offering spaces for group and individual study are located throughout the library building.

- A total of 20 wired group study rooms offer seating for 4 to 10 people
- 10 group studies are available on a first come first serve basis
- 10 group studies may be reserved in advance for student and faculty academic use by contacting the circulation desk at 968-6952
- 32 individual study carrels fully wired for electronic research
- Open reading areas include a reading room on the 4th floor and the north section of the 3rd and 4th floors

Group study rooms made possible through the generosity of Earthgrains Company, US Bancorp, A.G. Edwards, and Nancy and Donald Ross.

Fourth floor Reading Room made possible through the generosity of Marlyn and Alyn Essman.

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DRINK & FOOD POLICY

Food and drinks are allowed on both levels of the Cyber Café. Covered drinks are allowed in most areas of the library.