Architecture

Groundbreaking: Cornerstone laid on October 15, 1923

Construction: Begun October 15, 1923, completed Nov 6, 1924

Dedicated: May 9, 1925 with State Senator George Wharton Pepper giving the address

Architect: Furness, Evans and Company of Philadelphia. Dreher and Churchman as landscape architect

Architectural Style: Gothic Collegiate with limestone construction and a slate roof. seven bays wide with a projecting central entrance pavilion with a gabled top and flanking crenelated turrets. Window bays are separated by stone buttresses. Windows are aligned vertically, each window having three sections divided by stone mullions. The upper story windows are topped with Tudor arches. The main entrance has a similar arch above it as well as a large window in the upper level of the entrance pavilion. There are also large Tudor arched windows in the gable and walls. The roofing material is slate. It faces south onto a large landscaped lawn.

Addition: Dedicated October 13, 1961. A three story addition located 20 feet to the northeast of the existing building and connected by an enclosed bridge on all three levels, devoted to stacks and study space. The stack wing is built of reinforced concrete with a stone facing.

Total Capacity: 180,000 volumes