



University of Nevada, Reno - Knowledge Center

This new academic facility is intended to go beyond the traditional campus library in both size and services by combining library functions with technology classrooms, videoconferencing facilities, and specialized computer labs with a high level of staff support. UNR has embraced the idea of the library as a comfortable space for both students and the public to spend long periods of time, and the building features lounge areas, public meeting rooms, and a café to support this casual atmosphere. The building includes a 13,000sf Automated Storage and Retrieval System (ASRS) and a robotic warehousing system which provides for 20 years of collection growth in a compact footprint. The space around the edges of each floor provides reading and study space with views to the campus, new green, and mountains, while the book collection is organized around a central atrium which connects the upper four floors.

The campus is a mixture of small, traditional Jeffersonian brick buildings and larger, modern buildings of varying materials and aesthetic styles. The exterior of the new Knowledge Center responds to the tradition of brick construction on campus, with modern materials and details appropriate to the building's era and scale. The design emphasizes efficient use of natural and artificial light: a combination of curtain wall, shading devices, light shelves, atrium glazing, and roof skylights to provide well-controlled natural light for a large portion of the building, and an automated lighting control system to manage energy use and occupancy sensors to maximize efficiency.

Location: Reno, NV

Cost: \$74 million

Size: 295,000sf

Completion: June 2008

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