

PROJECT SPOTLIGHT



Room for Interpretation

CHALLENGE

While the old law library on the campus of Georgia State University in Atlanta may have had the reference materials students, faculty, and community members needed, it wasn't an inviting place. The ground floor space spanned two buildings. Earlier renovations/additions had added an outdoor plaza on top of part of the library and a newer loading dock area was

partially underground. The library's few windows let in very little light. Though it was large overall, the library's aisles were long, dark and narrow. Separate groupings of shelves were interspersed every so many feet by tables and carrels. The library was a destination of necessity, not of choice.

SOLUTION

After working through some initial design challenges, the new law library included nine powered systems located on two different floors with four different areas of static shelving. All told, that's more than six miles of shelving spanning a footprint of over 4,500 square feet. By re-purposing some of the shelving material from the old space, the client was able to realize significant savings and prevent adding metal to area landfills.

By creating additional capacity in less square footage, the client was able to create seating areas on the outside of the stacks.

Products Used:

- » Spacesaver Eclipse with full Zero Force Sensor (ZFS)
- » Cantilever and case
- » Corian countertops
- » Custom wood veneer end panels



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ACHIEVEMENT

The new area was opened in fall 2015. Lighter, brighter and more conducive to student engagement, the space is a draw for students, faculty, and community members. It's not only made access to research materials easier, but transformed the way people engage with the space.

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professor of law and the associate dean for library and information services. *"The students love it. They congregate in different areas and can engage with one another in a different way than they could in the old library."*

The Georgia State Law Library is an essential part of the campus and of the Atlanta community, at large. By lessening the library's storage footprint with high-density shelving, Patterson Pope was able to deliver a solution that revitalized the area. The result was increased space, student engagement and excitement.

