

Spurgeon's College Library

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The project was to transform the cloistered, fragmented and oppressive old library and create a library that was open and welcoming where students could sit and work comfortably.

As a true 21st century theological college and graduate school, the student base at Spurgeon's is balanced more towards mature students, many of whom have answered a vocational call later in life. The new design has therefore successfully blended the similarities and differences in student life to create a modern, relevant library.

We specified metal, high-tech shelving with a beech trim for a modern-traditional look, blended with demure blue carpet, shades-of-blue upholstered study chairs and beech study tables.

An important part of our brief was to incorporate a future stock growth allowance into the shelving design and layout. The library adds around 1,600 books a year and the shelves have now been positioned slightly closer together to allow for extra space.

Librarian Judy Powles believes that the design has worked exceptionally well and the College credits the success of the transformation to the skills of the



architect, building contractors and Demco. She adds: "the new library is bright and welcoming and people now come in and say 'wow'".

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