

# BUILDING GUIDE



The Rotunda was the main library at UVA for more than a hundred years, until a new library was built to meet the needs of a growing university. Opened in 1938 as Alderman Library, it has served as UVA's main library for more than 85 years.

The recently completed renovation refurbished the building's historic envelope, created five new floors of mixed-use space as well as a new basement, and added all new HVAC, electricity, fire suppression, plumbing, and other infrastructure. It improves accessibility and sustainability, and it creates a much better environment for both people and collections in the building.

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floorplans of the library



# WHAT'S IN THE BUILDING?

The library is home to UVA's social sciences and humanities collection, housed in the stacks and on the first floor of Clemons Library — an internal passage connects to Clemons, and users can move freely with materials between the buildings. The collection move has started and will continue during the spring 2024 semester. There are also materials outside of the central stacks, including the Flowerdew Hundred archaeological collection; Government Documents (the UVA Library is a U.S. federal regional depository); the Library's renowned Tibetan Collection; the Stanley and Lucie Weinstein Buddhist and Asian Studies Library of nearly 11,000 volumes; and the collections shelved in the Reference, Periodicals, and Oversize Room.













In addition to collections there are spaces to take care of them. The building houses workrooms for evaluating materials and performing routine maintenance as well as all-new spaces and specialized equipment for digitization of materials, AV reformatting, AV and digital preservation, and collections and Special Collections conservation. The two conservation labs are fronted by windows through which viewers can see conservators at work. There's also a Remediation Lab where materials can be treated for pests and/or mold.

Other specialized spaces include the Scholars' Lab, the Library's digital humanities community lab, which includes a new makerspace; the Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities — dedicated to exploring and developing information technology as a tool for humanities research; a large seminar/event room; conference rooms; and classrooms. The building is also equipped with new elevators, new accessible restrooms, and a lactation room.

The library has a wide variety of reader seating. Spaces in the historic envelope include Memorial Hall, the Reference & Periodicals Room, and the McGregor Room, and there are two large Study Courts, several new reading rooms, study carrels, reservable group study rooms, and seating in and around the stacks. There is also a new lounge and kitchenette exclusively for graduate students.

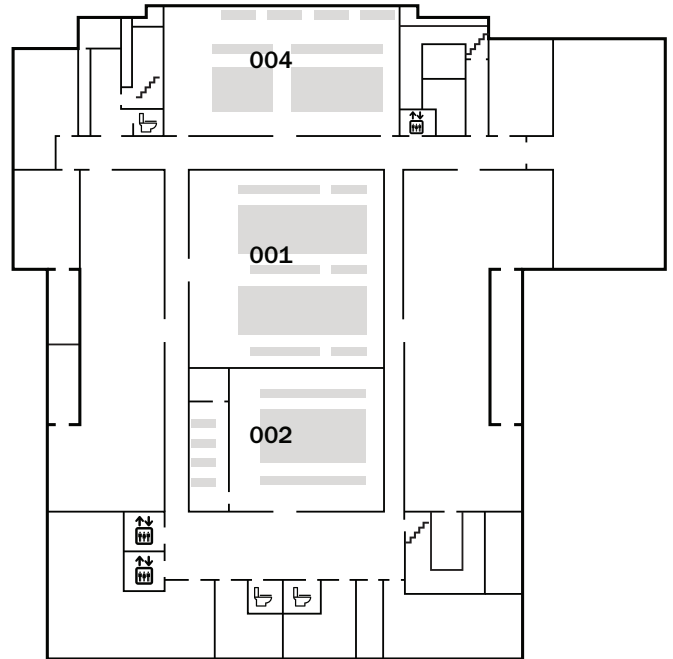
The building is home to more than 100 UVA Library staff, Rare Book School (offering courses in the history of written, printed, and digital materials), the Center for Digital Editing, the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia, the Papers of George Washington, and the Papers of James Madison.

## FLOORPLAN LEGEND

 Stairs	 Elevator
 Women's Restroom	 Men's Restroom
 All Gender Private Restroom	 Changing Table
 Shower	 Lactation Room
 Charging Station	 Scanner
 Printer	 Computers

All building restrooms are wheelchair accessible. Northwest restrooms on B, 1, 3, 4, & 5; southeast and southwest restrooms on 4; and cafe restrooms on 2 are equipped with automatic push button door openers.

**B** The basement holds closed workrooms for Flowerdeew Hundred, Rare Book School, and Library collections. The Library and Rare Book School workrooms are closed to visitors. The Flowerdeew Hundred room is open to students, researchers, and visitors by appointment. The basement also contains building storage and mechanical rooms.

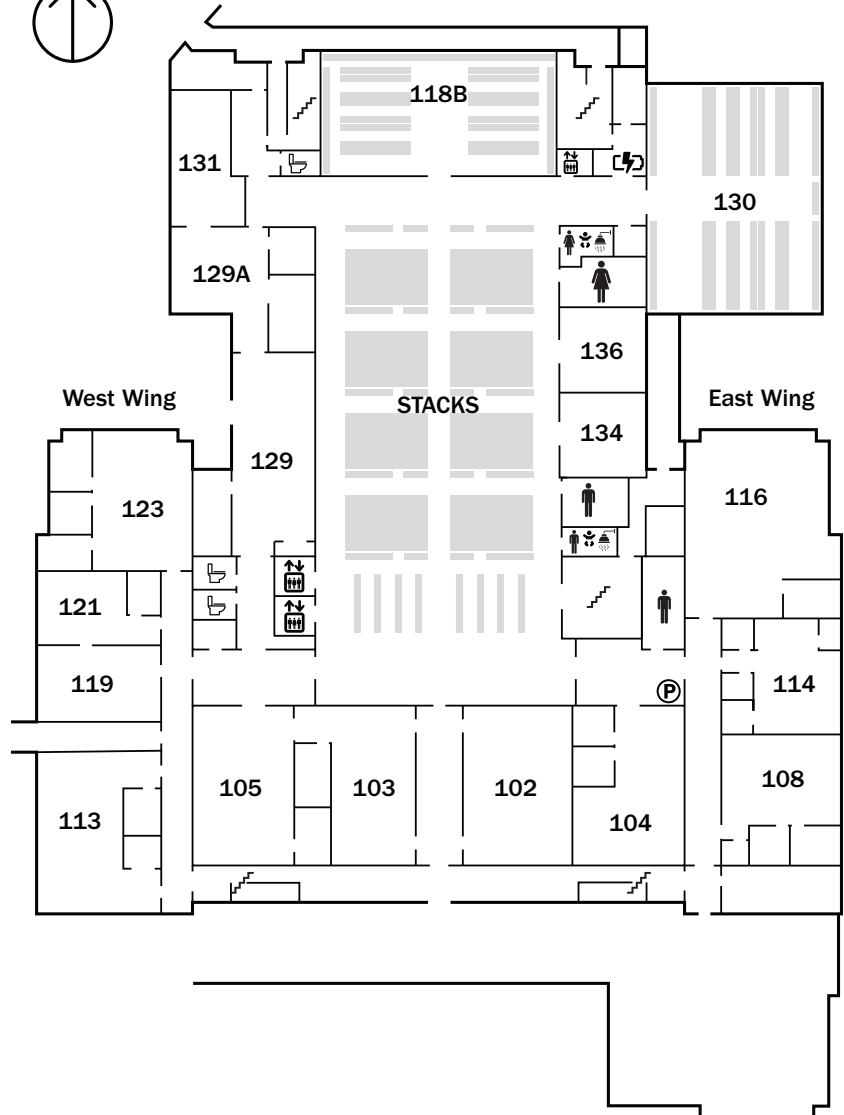


## DIRECTORY

### Departmental Space

Flowerdeew Hundred Collections Workroom	004
Library Collections Workroom	001
Rare Book School Collections Workroom	002

**1** In addition to stacks, the first floor includes the Library's Tibetan Collection as well as the large Government Documents room. Preservation Services' Remediation Lab is here, and the floor also contains study carrels, a conference room, and departmental space for Library staff.



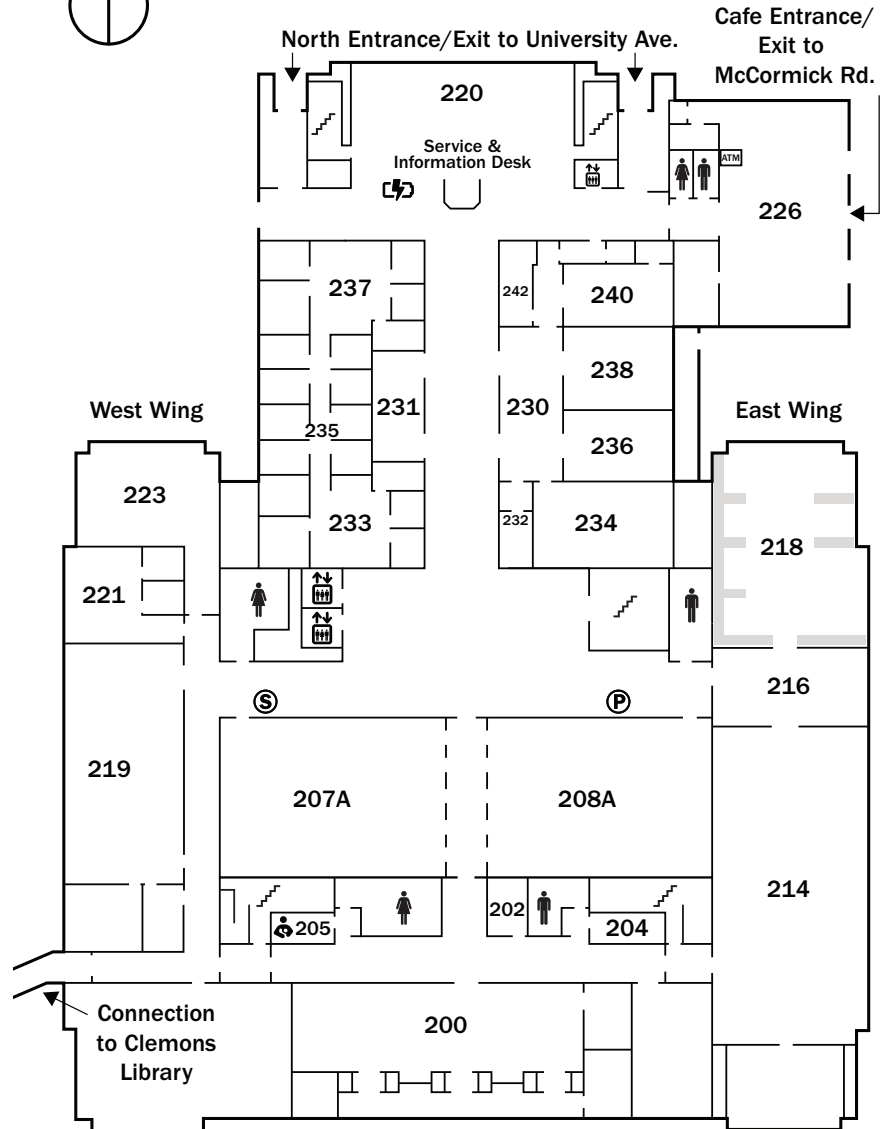
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**2** On this level are the north entrance, an entrance through the cafe, and an interior connector to Clemons Library. A reading room sponsored by the Z Society and a Service & Information Desk are here as well. The central space on this floor holds the offices, workspaces, and seminar rooms of Rare Book School and the central hallway contains gallery space. There are two large Study Courts. The east wing contains the McGregor, Lamsam, and Weinstein Rooms. Preservation and conservation spaces are on this floor, as well as a Library classroom and the office of the Bibliographical Society of the University of Virginia.



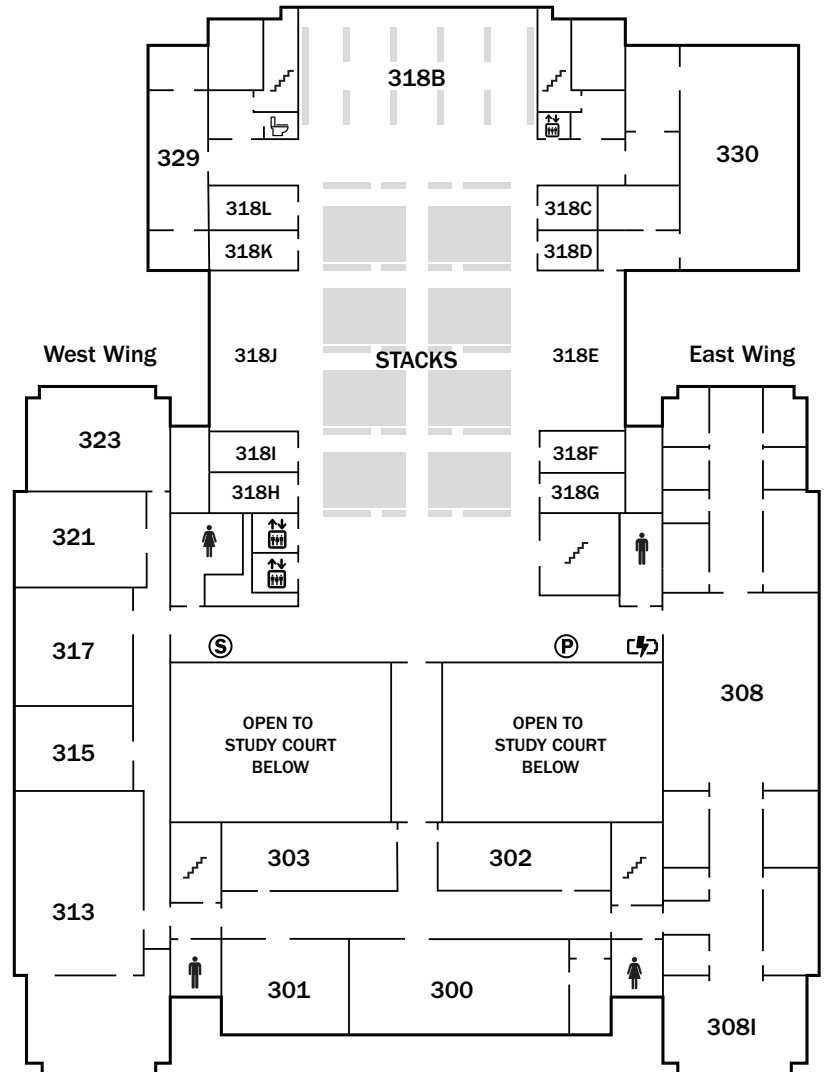
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**3** The third floor contains stacks, a large seminar room, a classroom, a conference room, three reading rooms, and various spaces for reading and study. There is a graduate student lounge in the west wing, and the Scholars' Lab and Makerspace takes up the east wing. The Institute for Advanced Technology in the Humanities and Academic Preservation Trust are housed here as well. The third floor also contains the Center for Digital Editing and the Papers of George Washington and Papers of James Madison.



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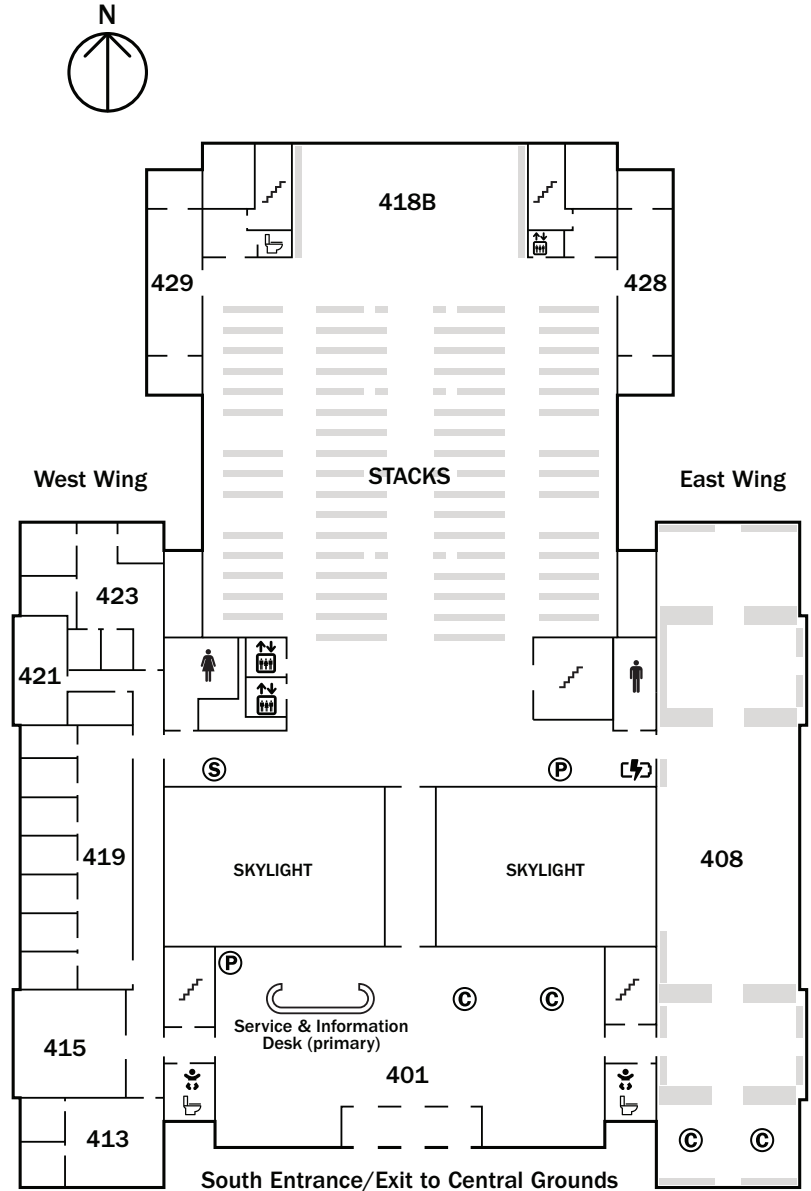
The fourth floor contains stacks, a classroom, a conference room, an open double-height reading room, and study carrels. The east wing is the References, Periodicals, & Oversize room. The west wing is mainly staff offices. The south entrance is at this level, and brings visitors directly into the main hall (Memorial Hall), which contains the building's primary Service & Information Desk.

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**5** The fifth floor contains stacks, conference rooms, and study carrels. In the east wing is the Office of the University Librarian and other staff space. The west wing is also mainly staff offices. In the central stacks area, a clerestory on the roof brings natural light into the building. The open north end and an aperture in the floor allow visitors to look down to the fourth floor.



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