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in Cambridge

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# **Scott Polar Research Institute Library**

## A GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE LIBRARY

### a) Name and address

1. Academic Library
2. Scott Polar Research Institute Library
3. Lensfield Road, Cambridge, CB2 1ER
4. Phone: 01223 336540  
Fax: 01223 336549  
E-mail: enquiries@spri.cam.ac.uk
5. Heather Lane
6. Shirley Sawtell

### b) Population served

7. 329
8. 23
10. 21

### c) Conditions of the library (before the new project)

11. 462 sq m
12. 36
13. 789.9 m
14. 765.4 m
15. 24.5 m
16. 6.5
17. 42.5 hrs per week, 240 days per year

## B THE NEW BUILDING: AIMS AND FEATURES

### a) Architect(s)

18. John Miller and Partners
19. Richard Brearley, Dipl. Arch. RIBA
20. Extension: yes

### b) Aims of the new building

21. More shelf-space and reader places, research study area for post-graduate students

### c) Special Features

22. On a small site, by a busy road, just outside the historic city centre

23. Very small site, circular library extension, link area and additional floor for bookstacks and reader space.

## C TECHNICAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW BUILDING

### a) Floor area (in sq metres) for questions 24 to 33

24. 298 sq m  
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35. New lift installed, but not part of new extension  
36. Three levels, all with public access. Top level designed for postgraduate use.  
37. 24  
39. 10  
41. 41

### b) Total potential capacity of shelving (linear metres or volumes)

42. 899 m  
43. 863 m  
44. 36 m  
48. 6.5

### c) Mechanical features

51. Uplights custom designed by architect  
53. Kone. 8 person capacity  
55. Thorn Security 'Siteguard' equipment

## D SCHEDULE OF THE BUILDING PROCESS

62. Sept. 1997  
63. 14 months  
65. Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1998

## E COSTS

67. £ 1,000,000  
68. £ 100,000  
69. £ 100,000  
70. £ 1,200,000



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