

project	<b>MIT DEWEY LIBRARY</b>		
location	CAMBRIDGE, MA	client	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
architect	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY	contractor	SUFFOLK CONSTRUCTION
project type	ARCHITECTURE		

enhanced natural light usage  
 reuse of existing materials  
 compact shelving increases student space

# circulation

map-lab was selected to provide architectural services for the MIT Dewey Library after working closely with facilities and library staff on a comprehensive study that raised a number of good design opportunities.

The design opens up the library and brings natural light to the basement level with the introduction of a new open stairway. On the second floor, the few existing windows that were formerly covered up by book stacks now filter natural light into the new meeting rooms, open study areas, and stack areas.

The project features many sustainable choices, including reuse of existing wood paneling, solar powered sink faucets, high efficiency lighting, recycled glass countertops, and compact shelving end panels made out of sunflower seed hulls.

