

project	STRATTON STUDENT CENTER READING ROOM		
location	CAMBRIDGE, MA	client	MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
architect	SIGNER HARRIS ARCHITECTS	contractor	ELAINE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY
project type	MANAGEMENT		

define project parameters
 manage owner's programmatic needs
 solicit student feedback

project definition

“The students have shown time and again how important this space is to them.”

Phil Walsh
 Director of MIT Campus Activities Complex

At the end of the schematic design phase, MIT hired map-lab to oversee the design process of Building W20's Stratton Student Center Reading Room. David Silverman helped define project parameters during the conceptual stages of the project as a member of the original project management team, which allowed map-lab to more effectively assist MIT with the bidding, contractor selection, and construction administration processes.



Once the project gained approval, map-lab managed the owner's programmatic needs in part by involving students in the project and soliciting their feedback to ensure that the space would prove useful. This process helped map-lab discover that no existing furniture adequately satisfied the students' needs, which led to one of the more interesting elements of the project - the custom carrels designed by Signer Harris Architects. By closely monitoring the fabrication and installation of the carrels, lockers, and audiovisual systems, map-lab was able to insure a timely delivery of these and other FF&E items, which allowed the project to finish on schedule for the start of the new academic year.

