

Projects by Aaron Cohen Associates, Library Consultants

Project Name & Location:

SUNY Oneonta Milne Library
Oneonta, NY 13820

Nature of Firm's Responsibility:

Library Master plan, Library services and operation assessments

Project Completion Date:

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RESPONDING TO CHANGE

The SUNY Oneonta Milne Library fosters a high-quality learning environment; this project supports the continuing evolution of the Milne Library from a “books only” space to a more dynamic one that encourages communication, connections and innovation.

The focus of this project was to determine student and faculty needs at SUNY Oneonta and to develop a building plan to improve the library's infrastructure. Changes in the ways students, faculty and researchers use technology today creates a need for a new design.

The Milne Library needs to enhance the students' experience by providing a learning commons, with collaborative and social areas. The learning commons will include flexible seating and spaces for Wi-Fi, print and email access. The first floor will offer a refreshed café area to enhance the library experience.



MAJOR PRIORITIES

Major priorities of the renovation project include:

- Create a Learning Commons space on the first floor
- Update seating with flexible workstations, light and power and increase the capacity.
- Configure functions on the floors to communicate order, inspiration, and academic excellence.
- Create destinations for academic support programs.
- Provide processing areas for “blended” materials (print and digital).
- Support history and social sciences preservation, training, and collaboration projects.
- Maintain and enhance the library's support of scholarship: Strengthen faculty scholarship and enrich the intellectual and social community for all.

