

# Projects by Aaron Cohen Associates, Library Consultants

## Project Name & Location:

National Library of Greece  
Stavros Niarchos Foundation  
Athens, Greece

## Nature of Firm's Responsibility:

Program of Requirements,  
Space Program  
2015

## Project Completion Date:

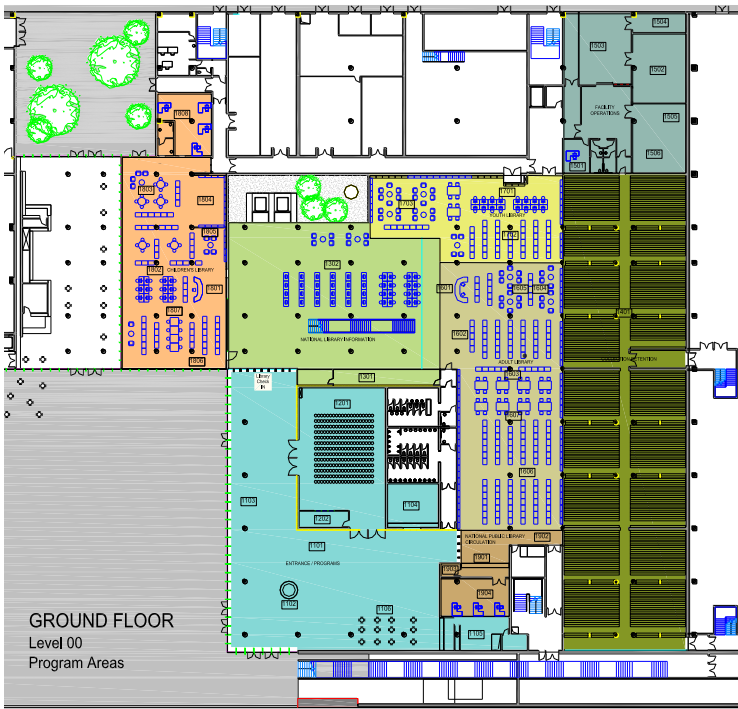
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Located in Athens, the National Library of Greece (NLG) is one of the oldest libraries in the world. In addition to being the site of historical buildings dating back to the Greek, Roman and Byzantine periods, the new National Library of Greece will be created as a component of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Cultural Center. Aaron Cohen Associates (ACA) partnered with the architectural firm of Cooper, Robertson & Partners (CRP) to develop a Master Program of Requirements and a Building Program for the Library. ACA also prepared an Operational Plan to adjust the service levels of the new National Library. The Program documents the requirements for the new NLG and serves as a reference for the design architect, consultants and Library staff in developing the design of the new Library.

Athens will soon boast a modern marvel of architecture in the new Cultural Center, which includes an Opera House, the National Library and a Park - all designed by the architectural team of Renzo Piano Building Workshop (RPBW).



The design development of the National Library of Greece was the product of a fully collaborative process. ACA worked with RPBW to develop the new National Library plans and adopt ACA's program requirements against the actual schematic design of the building.

ACA gave the project team technical recommendations for all reading, staff and special areas, as well as for furniture types and design.

Providing world-class preservation and conservation of manuscripts and books is critical for the new National Library building. ACA provided the design team with guidelines for preservation and digital imaging for historical and time-sensitive materials.

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**Project Name & Location:**

National Library of Singapore  
100 Victoria Street, National Library Building  
Singapore 188064

**Nature of Firm's Responsibility:**

Needs Assessment, Building Program  
Design Guidelines, Concept Design  
2005

**Project Completion Date:**

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Aaron Cohen Associates Ltd performed a five-part study for the National Library of Singapore. This Library functions as a public library, legal deposit, national archives, Southeast Asia collections facility, media archives and a central agency for the Singapore Integrated Library Automation Service (SILAS). Completed portions of our study included the organization and projection of space needs for a new National Library building.



The National Library Building at Victoria Street is a 16-story state-of-the-art library with a 3-level basement situated in the heart of Singapore's arts, culture, learning and entertainment hub.

The building houses the Lee Kong Chian Reference Library and Central Public Library collections and provides space for other public activities, including a 615-seat theater. The site area is 11,304 square meters and the gross floor area is about 58,783 square meters.

The new National Library Building, which also functions as a cultural facility, is a unique and enjoyable civic place for Singaporeans. The Library is an innovative "green" building designed using bioclimatic design techniques.

The architect of the building, Ken Yeang, applied his expertise to a building type often seen as resistant to energy-saving design and, in the process, created a civic icon for a city-state bent on leveraging knowledge as an economic engine. In May 2005, the new National Library Building was awarded the Green Mark Platinum award by the Building & Construction Authority. The Green Mark scheme is an inaugural award to recognize environmentally friendly buildings. The National Library Building is one of only two winners in the Platinum category, the highest in the Green Mark scheme.

