

THE FORDHAM UNIVERSITY WALSH FAMILY LIBRARY



Location

Fordham University
Rose Hill Campus
Bronx, NY

Role

General Contractor

Client

Fordham University

Architect

Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson & Abbott

Category

Education

The Fordham University Walsh Family Library on the main Rose Hill campus is a 5 floor, 240,000 sf structure, and is recognized as one the largest libraries in the country, with over 40 miles of book shelving. Gotham served as the general contractor for the project. Designed in a medieval architectural style, core construction is reinforced concrete. The façade's cavity wall is constructed with Lenrock stone with limestone trimming around the entrance and windows. Inside, the sky lit, glass-walled 4-story atrium, with its floor clad in imported Italian granite, provides socializing space, natural light, and a sense of orientation and visual access within the building. Central to the design is a concrete, glass and brass finished stairway suspended between the cellar and second floor. 90% of the walls are drywall construction and the balance finished cherry wood paneling. The library's planning and structural grid enhances its flexibility for future space reconfiguration. Technology and other collaborative areas are clustered on the ground floor for optimum convenience and accessibility.