

**W. B. ROBERTS LIBRARY
DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY
ADDITION AND RENOVATION PROJECT**

W. B. Roberts Library carries the name of the late Senator W. B. Roberts of Rosedale, Mississippi, in recognition of his service to the State and University. The core of the present building opened in 1968 with 54,700 square feet of space. It housed the University's entire library collection, as well as offices and classrooms for the College of Education. Over the intervening years, classrooms and faculty offices were relocated elsewhere on campus and the library collection outgrew available space in the building. This construction project consisted of an addition to and a complete renovation of the structure. Floor space was increased by approximately two-thirds, affording opportunities to relocate the Instructional Resources Center back into the building and to create a Faculty Technology Learning Center. Two open computer labs were added, as well as a library instruction classroom. Users benefit from substantially more seating and study space, group study rooms and additional collection stack space

New Addition Floor Space	36,400 sq. ft.
Renovated Floor Space	54,700 sq. ft.
Total Building Floor Space	91,100 sq. ft.
Public User Seating	856

Bibliographic Instruction Classroom	1
Computer Labs	2
Doctoral Research Suite	1
Faculty Research Suite	1
Faculty Technology Learning Center	1
Group Listening/Viewing Rooms	2
Group Study Rooms	11
Instructional Resources Center	1
President Emeritus Suite	1
Seminar Rooms	2
Special Collections Suite	1

Book Capacity (in vols.)	485,000
Public Access Computers	140
Staff and Service Support Computers	51
Computer Network Data Connections Presently Active	420

Project Cost	\$9,000,000
Construction Cost	\$7,394,752
Equipment and Furnishings Cost	\$1,605,248
Architect	Dale and Associates of Jackson, Mississippi
Consulting Architect	Anthony Adams of Durham, Oklahoma
Contractor	C.E. Frazier Construction of Ridgeland, Mississippi