

Queen Mary College

project New Library
location London E1
client Queen Mary College
dates 1988



M J Long was the partner at Colin St John Wilson and Partners in charge of this project. It broke new ground in the design of university libraries by omitting air conditioning in favour of mechanical ventilation, by using natural daylight for reading areas, as much as possible, and by using perimeter distribution to supply all reading places with a point of connection to electric power and data cabling. These characteristics have since become almost routine for university libraries.

The building received a Standing Conference on National and University Libraries award for excellence in library design.

