

BENTLEY LIBRARY RENOVATION
BENTLEY UNIVERSITY

Waltham, Massachusetts

Client: Bentley University



Bentley University, once thought of only as an accounting and finance school, has developed an outstanding curriculum to keep pace with changing times. Named by U.S. News & World Report as one of the Top 50 undergraduate business programs nationally, and ranked third in the country among the Top 25 Most Connected Campuses, according to the Princeton Review and Forbes.com in 2004, Bentley continues to be a leader in the integration of information technology into business education.

Elkus Manfredi Architects was asked to reposition the library to reflect Bentley's current status "at the intersection of business and technology," and help them achieve their vision for the school in the 21st century. The design process began with a feasibility study to examine the potential for renovating the library. Upon completion of the study, Elkus Manfredi developed a phased renovation strategy to create a sophisticated new image.

The renovation included infill of three open porches to add over 6,000 square feet of available interior space. The library now features a significant number of additional computer workstations, fully wired group study rooms, art gallery, and a cyber café — supporting an expanding business-oriented curriculum, and a new PhD program.

*In association with FHCM Architects,
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