



Location

Mission Viejo, CA

Industry

Education

Room Types

Open Plan, Lounge Areas,
Conference, Private Office

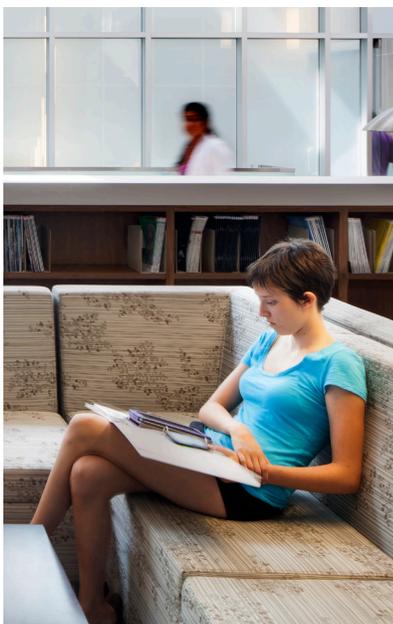
Square Footage

81,000

Furniture Lines Used

Villa™, Event™, Footprint®,
Fundamental Files®, Fluent®,
Traxx®, Campos™, Adagiato®,
Conferencing Solutions, Xsite®

Saddleback College Library





Challenge

Saddleback College Library and Learning Resource Center is a 3-story building with an interior area of approximately 81,000 sq.ft. Much of the space was in need of repair and re-design. The aging building was inefficient for modern researching methods integrating technology as the primary tool. Project Interior Designer Sean Kim of gkkworks designated each level for a specific use. The first floor was to consist of intense learning environments, the second would be Learning Resource Center, and the third would house the traditional library. Saddleback's goal was to transform their dated library into a campus hub for students to learn, research, and share knowledge and information. Enrollment was increasing significantly, and Saddleback needed to maximize their available floor space.



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Density

With the enrollment rate for Saddleback College growing at a rapid pace, adding on to the existing facility or building new was not an option at the time. It was critical that their library and learning resource center were capable of handling and operating at maximum capacity.

Aesthetic

Saddleback knew they were looking for a contemporary, university-like aesthetic that added natural light and an openness to the space. The multiple levels of lighting and a variety of furniture types supported many studying, researching, and sharing experiences.



Appeal

Before the renovation, the library was not a high-traffic area for students. Saddleback wanted to create a new paradigm of learning. The vision was to design a diverse landscape of learning around how students want to study, not how students are expected to study.

Cost Effective

The library project had been 10 years in the making; therefore, a strict budget had to be adhered to. With building repairs and renovations being the bulk of construction costs, the furniture solutions had to fit Saddleback's limited furniture budget.

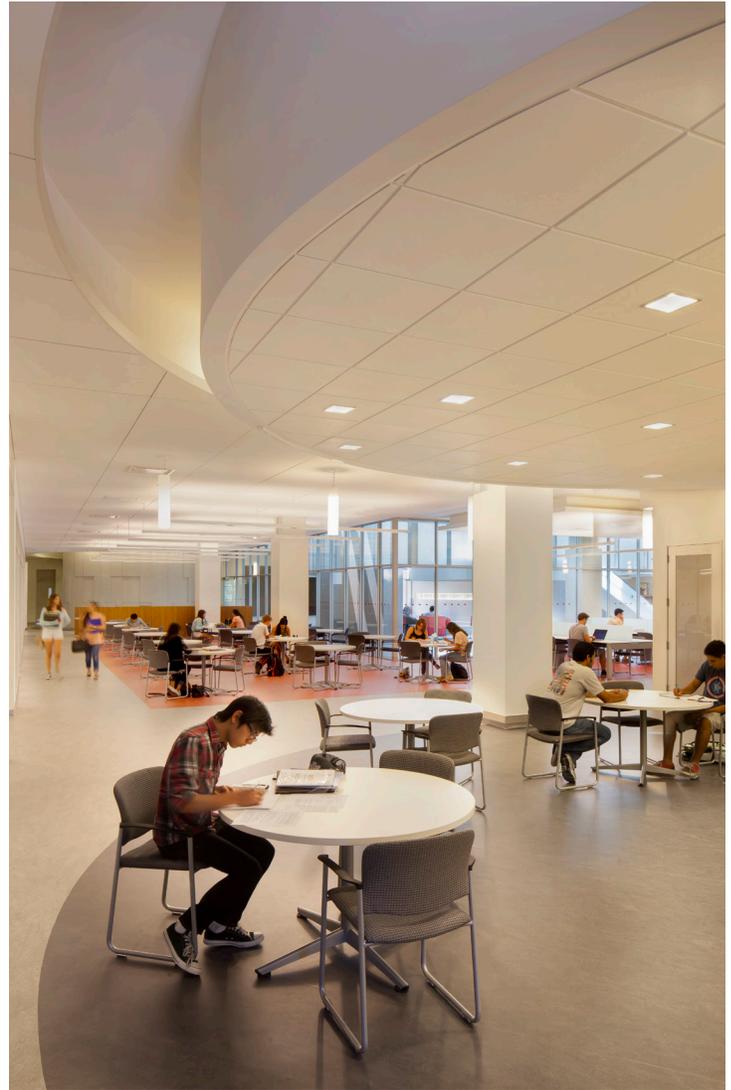


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Solution

Kimball Office products helped to increase density by applying multiple solutions in ways that maximized the floor plate. Vibrant finishes paired with contemporary, minimalistic designs updated the aesthetic, opening up the space. The designer was able to create a product modification by pairing Footprint tops with Fluent legs to achieve the desired look. Cafe-like collaborative areas, efficient technology access, and soft, relaxing lounge areas all led to the new library becoming a magnet for students. A mix of tables, Event seating, and Villa lounge were used to create a variety of areas for multiple purposes. Because Kimball Office offers a broad line of furniture solutions at various price points, Saddleback was able to stay within their budget constraints. Throughout project changes and problem solving, Kimball Office gave the support needed for a seamless operation.



Result

Modifying and re-purposing the existing building demonstrated Saddleback's commitment to education, technology, culture, and vibrant campus life. "Within two months, the Learning Resource Center has become a vigorous intellectual and social hub of student activity." Kim says. "Seeing students utilize the space the way it was intended has been one of the most significant experiences of the project." The project received the AIA Orange County Chapter Honor Award and an Award from The San Fernando Valley AIA Chapter.



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