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The University of Sussex Library, Brighton. Designed by Sir Basil Spence, the building was completed in 1966, with an extension to the rear in 1971. It has a capacity for more than 500,000 volumes and 1,000 readers.

Reading and study areas, University of Sussex Library, Brighton.
The Library, University of Reading. Completed in 1963, this building has a capacity for 500,000 volumes and 583 readers.

Ground floor, the Library, University of Reading.
Arts and Social Studies Library, University College, Cardiff. Opened in 1975, the library has space for 445,000 volumes and 600 readers.

Entrance area, Arts and Social Studies Library, University College, Cardiff.
University of York

J. B. Morrell Library, University of York. Occupied in 1966, this building is the first stage of a multi-stage building and has a capacity for 250,000 volumes and 450 readers.

Stack and reading area, J. B. Morrell Library, University of York.
Main Library, extension II, Swansea University College. View of south facade. This extension, completed in 1974, has stack area on two lower floors and reading rooms above.

University of Lancaster Library. Completed in three stages—1966, 1968, and 1970—the library has seating for 1,000 readers and shelving for 450,000 volumes.
University Library, University of Nottingham. Opened in 1973, this building houses the collections in arts and social sciences as well as an extensive manuscripts department and a photographic unit.

University of Leicester Library. Completed in 1974, the library has seating for 800 readers and shelving for 500,000 volumes. As stated by the architect, Castle Park Dean Hook, "The building has been designed to give a high level of thermal capacity: to achieve this the external walls are dense concrete blockwork faced with solar heat reflecting glass, whilst the asphalt roof is kept covered with water."
South Library, University of Leeds. Opened in 1975, this building houses a working collection ("undergraduate library") and the main science and applied science collections. (The Brotherton Library, 1936, continues as the main arts and social science library.) Architects: Chamberlain Powell & Bon.

Entrance floor, South Library, University of Leeds.
Sydney Jones Library, University of Liverpool. Opened in 1976, this library serves the Faculties of Arts and of Social and Environmental Studies. This first stage has accommodation for 700,000 volumes and 670 readers. Architects: Sir Basil Spence, Glover & Ferguson (Edinburgh).

Study carrel, Sydney Jones Library, University of Liverpool.
Library, University of Stirling. Completed in 1971, this four-story library has seating for 800 readers and 14,000 linear m. of shelving. Architects: Robert Matthew, Johnson—Marshall & Partners.

The University Library, University of Kent at Canterbury. Completed in 1973, the library was erected in two stages—the first by William Holford and Partners and the second by Farmer and Dark.
Main Library, University of Edinburgh. View of north facade and entrance, George Square. This library, opened in 1967, was designed by Sir Basil Spence, Glover & Ferguson (Edinburgh).

Service desk, ground floor, Main Library, University of Edinburgh.
The Library, University of East Anglia, Norwich. Constructed in two stages (1968 and 1974), the library has space for 450,000 volumes and 1,300 readers. Access is at a middle level with two floors above and two below for collections and reading areas. Architects: Sir Denys Lasdun and Partners, Stage I; Feilden and Mawson, Stage II.

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