What is it?
- Academic Library
for the University of Amsterdam (UvA)
- Academic Library
  for the University of Amsterdam (UvA)

- Binnengasthuis Terrein
- **Academic Library**
  for the University of Amsterdam (UvA)

- **Binnengasthuis Terrein**

- Total proposed floor area: approx. **20,000m²**
What does a library mean?
'A library is like a **threshold** that brings to evidence a **here** and an **elsewhere**.'
It is a place of:

- awareness
It is a place of:

- awareness

- discovery
It is a place of:

- awareness

- discovery

- exchange
1. LIBRARY
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Nowadays...
1. LIBRARY
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Focus

1. LIBRARY
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Browsing

1. LIBRARY
The presence of the books
The presence of the books

I believe that the monumental presence of books, although aiming at building an atmosphere of respect, might have an unresting effect on the people reading because the number of books/information around is overwhelming.

The combination of books with the main reading space is nowadays difficult since the books aim at more people and are therefore associated to movement.
1. LIBRARY
Organizational principle

Books as the organizational ‘epicenters’ and spatial activators. Books call for, search browsing and discovery in a dynamic way that create informal/formal encounters with books and other people.

Central but linear space, almost like a street.
Where can the library be placed?
Given location: Binnengasthuis Terrein
Historic city centre

2. SITE
University related facilities
2. SITE

Binnengasthuis Terrein
Proximity to the Stadsarchief
Proximity to the Rokin

2. SITE
**Rokin**

Rokin is a major street in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. Originally it was part of the river Amstel, and was known then as Rak-in (a rak is an old Dutch word for a straight body of water).
Island character

2. SITE
Accesses

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Binnengasthuis Terrein
site fully built - need for demolition

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Possible location

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Demolition
New building
How can the program be organized?
3. DESIGN

SERVICES & STAFF
3. DESIGN

SERVICES & STAFF

LEARNING & MEDIA CENTRE
3. DESIGN

SERVICES & STAFF

LEARNING & MEDIA CENTRE

FOCUSED STUDY ROOMS
3. DESIGN

SERVICES & STAFF

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COLLECTION + STUDY SPACES

FOCUSED STUDY ROOMS
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How is the concept applied?
3. DESIGN

Inner street
3. DESIGN
First floor

3. DESIGN
First floor

3. DESIGN
Second floor

3. DESIGN
Second floor

3. DESIGN
3. DESIGN
3. DESIGN
Third floor

3. DESIGN
3. DESIGN

Forth floor
3. DESIGN
3. DESIGN
Sixth floor

3. DESIGN
3. DESIGN

Seventh floor
Ground floor

3. DESIGN
First floor

3. DESIGN
Second floor

3. DESIGN
3. DESIGN

Third floor
3. DESIGN
Fifth floor

3. DESIGN
Seventh floor

3. DESIGN
Roof

3. DESIGN
How is it built?
The structure consists of three parts that match the programmatic arrangement

service & staff area
3. DESIGN

site axis
city axis
3. DESIGN

city axis
site axis

3. DESIGN
supporting walls and columns
beams following the walls alignments
pre-stressed
How is the building perceived from the outside?
5. FACADES
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Facade material

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Four window types

5. FACADES
Type 1

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Four window types

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Four window types
What kind of spatial experience does this arrangement create?
Thank you! | Dank u. | Obrigado!