

FACILITIES AND CONDITIONS THE ROTUNDA OF LOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

DISPLAY CASES

8 horizontal cases, east and west walls
H. 41 ½ x W. 61 ½ x D. 27 in.

4 vertical cases, south wall
H. 77 x W. 44 x D. 8 in.

Materials can be displayed on the floors of the cases and can also be mounted against the backs. The cases are lit with fluorescent lights; a UV filtering shield is in place between the lights and the materials on display. Light in the Rotunda is both natural and artificial, with display cases along the east and west walls being hit by direct sunlight. The cases are not vented nor is the Rotunda climate controlled. The objects in the cases thus may be subject to excessive heat and to fluctuations in temperature and humidity. During the academic year (September through May) the average temperature range is 74 to 76 degrees. The average humidity range is 47 to 53 per cent.

SECURITY

The display cases are closed at all times, but they are not fitted with alarms. Although Low Memorial Library is patrolled by Public Safety officers on their regular rounds, guards are not specifically assigned to the Rotunda. During the hours that the building is closed to the public, entrance can be obtained only via the main Public Safety desk, which is staffed 24 hours a day.

FIRE PROTECTION

The building construction materials are Class I fireproof. The fire protection system is wet standpipe. The alarm is connected to the security office.

COSTS

The Rotunda cases are opened by Facilities. There is a charge associated with this service. A departmental chart string needs to be provided to Art Properties for billing purposes.