Low Memorial Library Interior

Interior Landmark

116th Street between Amsterdam Avenue and Broadway

Designation Date: February 3, 1981



Inside of the Low Library (Visitor center), Columbia University, modern view of the rotunda. Photo: Wikipedia

The Low Memorial Library of Columbia University, a designated New York City Landmark, was designed in 1894 by Charles McKim of Mickim, Mead & White, and constructed in 1895–1897. An excellent expression of the neo-Classical style, the monumental domed building is the focal point of the campus.

Its imposing interior, dominated by a vast central hall with rich, classically inspired ornament, ranks as one of the finest monumental spaces in New York City.

Read the full NYC LPC designation report here.