

“The Best Undergraduate Library of Its Size In The Country”

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The National Trust of Historic Preservation included Bennington’s Crossett Library on its list of “Six Midcentury Modern Campus Buildings You Need to Visit.”



“Opening in 1959, Crossett Library is another fine representative of Midcentury Modern design,” the National Trust said. “With Crossett, Italian-born architect Pietro Belluschi (working with Carl Koch and Sasaki Associates) conceived a structure that balanced modern tastes with Bennington College’s existing Colonial style. At night, Crossett’s exterior lighting transforms the building into a glowing beacon that can be easily spotted from a distance.

These qualities won Crossett the 1963 Honor Award for Library Design from the American Institute of Architects, and persuaded one library expert to deem Crossett, in an *Architectural Forum* article, “the best undergraduate library of its size in the country.””