Officially opened by the Princess Royal on October 18th 2017, the new Emily Wilding Davison Building at Royal Holloway, University of London’s Egham campus, encompasses a state-of-the-art Library, Student Services Centre and Careers & Employability service.

Named after one of the university’s most famous alumni, suffragette Emily Wilding Davison, the building was designed by Associated Architects and built by Osborne Construction. Within the new building, the library is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and has an extensive collection of over 400,000 books, as well as a large collection of e-books and journals.

To house the collection, the library has been equipped with approximately 11,000 linear metres of shelving which has been supplied and installed on the ground, first and second floors by Forster Ecospace who were appointed following the submission of a competitive tender.

Static shelving stacks feature oak end panels with a matching pelmet above the top shelf and where ground floor static units can be overlooked from a balcony above, these have also been equipped with an oak top panel.
Space saving mobile shelving stacks on the first and second floors feature white glass end panels together with a mechanism which allows each stack to be locked in place to prevent movement when a user is between two stacks. To maintain the flush computer floor throughout the area where mobile shelving is installed and ensure ongoing stability and integrity in the event a number of floor panels are lifted at any one time, Ecospace supplied and installed a steel support structure below the tracks that carry the mobile bases.

A PD5454:2012 compliant archive has been equipped with tall mobile shelving to maximise the available storage space. Fitted with perforated end panels to ensure optimum airflow and shelves of various depths, the installation also incorporates AO size plan chests on mobile bases and wall mounted mesh panels for picture storage.