

Building a living library

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WHY?

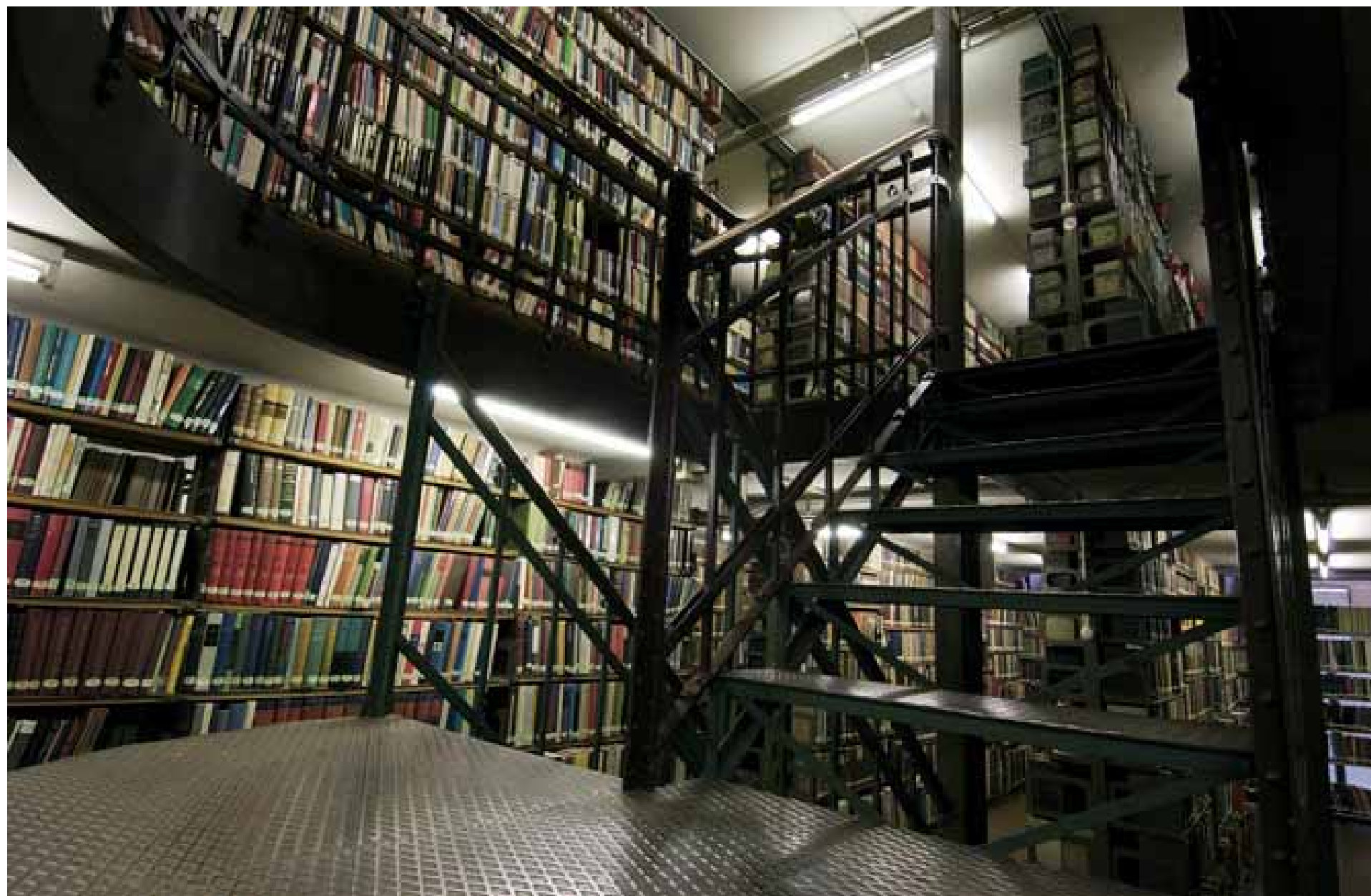
The image features the word "WHY?" rendered in a bold, sans-serif, 3D block font. The letters are a vibrant red color and are outlined in white. They are set against a solid black background. Below the letters, there is a gold-colored shadow that gives the text a three-dimensional appearance, as if it is floating above a surface. The shadow is cast to the right and slightly forward, suggesting a light source from the upper left.











Planning

- **11 - 1995** **start**
- **03 - 1997** **approval of the program**
- **03 - 1999** **final design**
- **07 - 2001** **start construction**
- **05 - 2004** **construction finished**
- **09 - 2004** **library in use**

The new building: dimensions

- **New Library Building** **24.000 m²**
- **Shops** **500 m²**
- **Parking (cars)** **8.000 m²**
- **Parking (bikes)** **400 m²**
- **Total** **32.900 m²**

Functions of the building

- **Central Library:**
 - **Information; reference collection**
 - **Special collections**
- **Reading rooms for Philosophy, Theology, Social Sciences, Geosciences, Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Biology**
- **Stacks**
- **Auditorium, shops, cafetaria**

Functions of the building

- **Books/journals**
 - 12 km in the reading rooms
 - 65 km in the closed stacks
- **560 library working places**
- **Wireless network**
- **160 staff working places**

**WHY
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- **Integration of functions**



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- **Open structure: flexibility**
- **Integration of functions**
- **Studios atmosphere vs meeting place**













