

Christian Book Distributors / Peabody, Massachusetts



Owner:
Christian Book

Architect:
Symmes Maini &
McKee Associates

Area:
230,000sf

Duration:
11 Months

Type:
New Construction



The entire operation for Christian Book Distributors, the world's largest distributor of Christian educational products, is housed under one roof. Pick/pack area, distribution, and inventory storage are all located within this facility. The building also features isolated production areas, dedicated HVAC systems, a wire-guided fork-truck system, and a computerized inventory management system.

The design was intended to give a sense of openness and accessibility between functions. Based on the highest hazard use of the building, extensive fireproofing was applied to the steel frame to permit the open space design concept. This extra precaution enhanced the safety of the facility and accommodated the owner's anticipated expansion needs.