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Library Locations

1. C.C. Bird Library
   222 Westcott Avenue
2. Belfer Audio Laboratory and Archive
   H. Douglas Barclay Law Library
3. Carnegie Library
   Carnegie Building
   State Street
4. Geology Library
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5. Law Library
   A. E. Bard Library
   College of Law
6. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library
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7. Architecture Reading Room
   231 Sims Hall
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   SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
9. Health Sciences Library
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More than Books

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