The current Neilson Library building is situated in the heart of the Smith College campus, making it a hub of intellectual, social and communal activity. My programmatic goals for the design are specific but comprehensive: to provide the building with visually engaging, aesthetically pleasing, and flexible spaces throughout the entire space. I wanted to make the most of the existing space and to ensure that the library becomes an integral part of the campus.

The program is designed to foster a sense of interconnectedness between the library and the rest of the campus, as well as to provide a flexible environment for students, faculty, and staff. The design incorporates various elements, such as an open and airy interior, natural light, and a variety of spaces for collaboration and individual study.

The interior design is based on the principle of openness and transparency, with large windows and glass walls that allow for a seamless transition between indoor and outdoor spaces. The design also incorporates natural light and ventilation, with a focus on sustainable materials and energy-efficient systems.

The final design includes a variety of spaces, such as reading rooms, study areas, and social spaces. The reading rooms are designed to accommodate individual work, while the study areas are designed for group work. The social spaces are designed to foster a sense of community and interaction.

The design also incorporates a variety of materials, such as wood, stone, and glass, to create a warm and inviting atmosphere. The materials are selected to reflect the natural beauty of the campus and to create a sense of connection with the outdoors.

The design is intended to be flexible and adaptable, with spaces that can be repurposed over time. The design also incorporates a variety of lighting options, including natural light, artificial light, and ambient light, to create a comfortable and inviting atmosphere.

The final design is intended to be a thoughtful and creative solution to the specific needs of the Neilson Library building, while also providing a welcoming and engaging environment for students, faculty, and staff.