PUTNEY — An ultra-modern college library, designed by Edward Durell Stone, has formally opened on the Windham College campus. It is one of the finest small college libraries in New England.

The two story, ivory-colored brick building is the fifth structure to rise on the $2 million campus, totally designed by Stone. Next autumn, the campus will be three-fourths completed. Ground-breaking ceremonies were held last week for a $1 million science building, and work is to start soon on a $1 million language-classroom building and a $600,000 student union.

So far four of seven dormitories have been completed on the new Windham campus, with another to open in January.

The college’s old library was in the middle of Putney village. Windham’s students helped move books from it to the new one.

The new Dorothy Culbertson Marvin Memorial Library was built at a cost of $480,000. This included approximately $357,000 in grants and loans awarded to the college by the Federal Government.

The current library collection comprises 25,000 volumes and 1,200 phonograph records. By next September, the collection will grow to 35,000 volumes, out of a total capacity of 55,000.

The lower underground level provides for an art gallery, slide projection room, library storage, and temporary classrooms.

While the library’s main purpose is to serve the students and faculty of Windham College, it also opens its doors to the entire area as a research center.

Last year, Senator George D. Aiken, R-Vt., whose home is in Putney, designated the library as a selective depository of U.S. government documents. Under this designation, the library receives many valuable documents such as the United States Code of Federal Laws, the U.S. Supreme Court reports, the U.S. Bureau of the Census publications, U.S. House of Representatives and Senate Documents and Reports, the Congressional Record, public papers of the President’s, and many government periodicals.