

**where  
do I go  
from  
here?**



*A guide to Service Bureau style  
resources for Alumni.*

The MCAD Service Bureau offers access to Alumni for up to one year after they graduate. After that Alumni need to find non-MCAD resources for their print-related needs. This booklet contains some suggestions in the MPLS/STP area.

For Alumni who are within their one year window, visit [serviceb.mcad.edu](http://serviceb.mcad.edu) and click on the [\*Alumni Access Proposal Form\*](#) link to submit a proposal. Alumni staff will review requests and confirm within one business day. All services will be performed by SB staff and payment collected by Alumni office staff.

**There are 2 main types of printer in the Service Bureau:**

# *Laser or Ink Jet*

**Laser** printers use **Toner Powder** which adheres to the surface of the paper with **heat**. Paper with a slick coating (especially transparencies) can **melt** if they are not **Laser-Safe**.

**Ink Jet** printers use **wet ink** which sinks into the paper. Paper not treated to take ink will **bleed** and print will be **light/dull** in color.

## **THE KONICA:**

*bizhub pro C6000L*

- Color Laser printer.
- Most office centers will have one (Kinkos, Staples, Office Max, UPS store etc.) or more.
- Most industrial laser printers have a finishing unit which can fold, staple, hole punch etc. be sure to ask about those options if not advertised.

## **THE OCE:**

*plotwave 350*

- Large format black and white Laser printer.
- May be called a plotter, is generally used for blueprints and engineering prints.

## **THE EPSON:**

*surecolor p5000 or stylus pro 7900 (DPL)*

- Photo quality Ink Jet printers.
- Prints may be referred to as “archival Giclee” prints.
- New “pro-sumer” models like the Epson SureColor p800 can be purchased for under \$1500
- You can buy a refurbished one for fairly cheap online but the ink cartridges are expensive.
- Only specialty shops will have similar machines.

## **THE BANNER:**

*stylus pro 9800 or surecolor p9000*

- Large format photo quality Ink Jet Printer.

**What are you making? What you should look for:**

cheap posters

zines

art books

comic books

blue lines

portfolio

resume

business cards



**Laser Printer/Copier**

screen printing transparencies

large format fine art prints/  
photographs

fine art prints

photographs



**Ink Jet Printing  
or Giclee/Archival**

**When in doubt, Google it.**

**“where to make big color print minneapolis”**

**“minneapolis print color big”**

**etc.**

**read reviews.**

## **Basic Copy Shops**

Beyond Kinkos (fed-ex office, ups store, staples)

### **PostNet - Calhoun Village**

[www.postnet.com/minneapolis-mn104](http://www.postnet.com/minneapolis-mn104)

3208 West Lake Street, Minneapolis 55416

612-253-0500

- business cards, brochures,
- signs, banners, posters, flyers and more.
- Color and b/w copies (same Konica machine as the SB!)
- White ink printing

*Former MCAD student/SB staff member Jill Blaeser works here!*

### **Sir Speedy**

[www.sirspeedy.com](http://www.sirspeedy.com)

- b/w and color copying/printing -offset/digital
- large format color banners/posters
- large format b/w engineering prints
- finishing (trimming, folding, die-cutting, embossing, laminating etc)
- binding (comb, saddle-stitch, coil, perfect etc)
- business cards, greeting cards, labels

*Recommended by Archie Bongiovanni '09*

### **Minute Man Press**

[www.minneapolis.minutemanpress.com](http://www.minneapolis.minutemanpress.com)

- good yelp reviews
- b/w and color copying/printing
- binding (comb, wire, saddle-stitch) /trimming
- disc printing/duplication
- finishing (laminating, embossing, foil stamping, perforating etc.)

## **Online Print Vendors**

[www.shutterfly.com](http://www.shutterfly.com)

[www.vistaprint.com](http://www.vistaprint.com)

# Photo Quality Print Shops

## West Photo

[www.westphoto.com](http://www.westphoto.com)

- Full service Epson prints
- Wide selection of paper/canvas
- Sizes from 8.5x11-44"x?
- Price range from \$7.50-\$30 for sheets, banners priced by inch.  
*"I've been using WestPhoto for Epson prints. It's more expensive but if you do a larger sheet and gang them all up its not too bad. The color is awesome. But they don't let you supply your own paper."*
- Sami Foust '09

## Minneapolis Center for Photography

[www.mplsphotocenter.com](http://www.mplsphotocenter.com)

- Member (\$25/month) and non-Member (\$35/day) pricing
  - Full Service Bureau/Darkroom/Studio/Lighting/Lectures/West Photo discounts (with membership)
  - Full service/self-service printing and scanning
  - Interns/volunteers get discounts/free access
  - Paper selection includes: Matte, Luster, Hanhemuhle
  - Stylus Pro 9900 (44") and Stylus Pro 7900 (24") \$0.08/sq in for standard papers and \$0.12/sq in for premium papers.
  - Printing charges are \$0.07/sq in for user-supplied papers
  - Nikon Coolscan 9000ED, Epson Perfection V750 scanners
- Recommended by Stevie Rexroth*

## Alec Soth Printing

[www.bigalsphoto.com](http://www.bigalsphoto.com)

- Full-service Epson prints
  - Wide paper selection, sizes 8x10-60x120  
priced from \$10-\$850 depending on size/media
  - Full-service high resolution scanning on Heidelberg drum or Hasselblad flextight  
priced from \$20-\$200 depending on size/spotting
  - Real working photographers/gallery with plenty of advice.
- Recommended by Stevie Rexroth*

## **Colorspace**

[www.colorspaceartandimaging.com](http://www.colorspaceartandimaging.com)

- Archival inkjet prints
- Scanning – large format flat and film
- Mounting, Laminating, and Framing
- Full service, wide selection of papers and fabrics
- Priced \$3 (8x10) and up

*Recommended by MCAD Service Bureau*

## **Additional Banner Services**

In addition to the previously mentioned copy and print shops which provide large format printing in various sizes and quality.

## **Spoon Flower**

[www.spoonflower.com](http://www.spoonflower.com)

- Washable fabric options include silk, linen, cotton, canvas etc.  
\$15.75/yard and up
- Wallpaper and decals, self adhesive and removable  
24"x12' rolls for \$60, or custom at \$5/linear foot
- Full bleed wrapping paper  
\$5-\$30 /decals
- Weekly design contests and option to sell your design.

*Recommended by Tom Garrett*

# Book Printing and Binding

## Mn Center for Book Arts

[www.mnbookarts.org](http://www.mnbookarts.org)

- Printing presses
- Darkroom
- Typesetting
- Hollander or Reina beater
- Papermaking equipment
- Binding & Cutting equipment
- Membership benefits
- Volunteers have discounted membership rates
- Apply for a fellowship: recipients will receive project funding, studio/equipment use, support from MCBA staff, and a membership.

*Recommended by Stevie Rexroth*

## Campbell Logan Bindery

[www.campbell-logan.com](http://www.campbell-logan.com)

- Really fancy “real book” binding.
- Price on request
- 30 day turnaround
- Hard copies only, no printing services

*Recommended by Stevie Rexroth*

## Bookmobile

[www.bookmobile.com](http://www.bookmobile.com)

- Full service “craft digital” printing
- Hard cover, paperback, spiral bindings (dust jackets too)
- Online quoting tool
- Samples available
- Proofs included
- Publishing, fulfillment and distribution services available
- 10 to 14 day turnaround

*Recommended by Tyler Page*

## Blurb

[www.blurb.com](http://www.blurb.com)

- Variety of paper types (pearl photo, luster, matte, etc)
- Variety of sizes (7x7, 5x8, 8x10, 13x11, 12x12 and more)
- Hard cover or soft cover options (dust jacket too)
- Volume discounts
- 7 to 10 day turnaround
- Option to self-publish

*Recommended by Tom Garrett*

## Lulu

[www.lulu.com](http://www.lulu.com)

- Black and white or color perfect bind
- Coil bind or saddle stitch
- Hard cover
- Option to self-publish



- Bulk discounts
- Sister company:  
[www.picture.com](http://www.picture.com)  
for more customizable, higher-quality photo books

## **MagCloud**

[www.magcloud.com](http://www.magcloud.com)

- Magazine-focused print-on-demand service
- Softcover, saddle-stitch, and wire-o binding
- Quantity discounts
- Online PDF distribution services
- Print distribution services
- 7 to 10 day turnaround

*Recommended by Paula McCartney*

## **Cafe Press**

[www.cafepress.com](http://www.cafepress.com)

- Photo books, fully customizable
- Picture window hard cover
- Other custom photo (design/illustration/what-have-you) products include: iPhone case, apparel, bags, mugs, pillows, wall decals, puzzles, business cards, and much much more.

## **Createspace**

[www.createspace.com](http://www.createspace.com)

- Amazon.com's self-publishing/Print-on-demand service
- Paperback book printing in many sizes
- Matte and glossy cover finishes
- Color or BW
- Online quoting tool
- Distribution and publishing tools built in

*Recommended by Tyler Page*

## **BookBaby**

[www.bookbaby.com](http://www.bookbaby.com)

- Self-publishing/Print-on-demand service
- Paperback book printing in many sizes
- Matte and glossy cover finishes
- Color or BW
- Online quoting tool
- Distribution and marketing services available

# Screen Printing

## Repro Graphics

[www.thomasrepro.com](http://www.thomasrepro.com)

- Large format plotting (black and white laser) on vellum or mylar
- Many other printing services
- 3 twin cities locations

*Recommended by Natasha Pestich*

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Printing transparencies for screenprinting negatives can be done on simple transparency sheets at any copy shop with somewhat questionable results.

If using a copy shop, you can try bringing in your own film to print with, **Xante Myriad Vellum Film** is what the SB carries.

We recommend using an inkjet printer for a more opaque black. You can do this at one of the suggested photo quality print shops or on your home printer using Matte paper settings if possible.

**Inkpress Transparency Film** is formulated for creating screen positives and negatives, you may use it on any Ink Jet printer, this is what the SB carries.

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## Paper and Supplies

### Anchor Paper Express

[www.anchorpaper.com](http://www.anchorpaper.com) • (651) 783-5955

- Huge warehouse with many, many paper options
- Paper comes in large sheets and can be cut to size
- Die-cutting
- Workshops/classes offered: foil application, card making, crafts, etc.

*SB Alumnus Anna Doherty ('10) works at the Roseville location.*

# Risograph

## Beyond Repair

[www.thisisbeyondrepair.com](http://www.thisisbeyondrepair.com)

Risograph and printing workspace

- \$50/month membership
- Risograph with 5 colors
- Laser printer, color and BW
- Perfect Binder
- Booklet maker
- Paper folder
- Spiral binder
- Stack cutter
- Print up to 750 pages on Riso
- Print 25 books up to 150 pages on laser printer
- books/zines/posters/postcards, etc.

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service bureau  
+ Digital Print Lab

