

**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 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 IMAGEPRESS:

Canon c750 ImagePress

- 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
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

- 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.mpuptown.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.)

Alpha Print and Copy

www.alphaprintandcopy.com

- b/w and color copying/printing
- binding (comb, wire, saddle-stitch) /trimming
- vinyl lettering
- wide format scanning and printing

Vital Print Press

www.vitalprintpress.com

- b/w and color copying/printing (offset and digital)
- same day turnaround
- cut vinyl
- wide format printing

Online Print Vendors

www.shutterfly.com

www.vistaprint.com

Photo Quality Print Shops

West Photo

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

Arts District Imageworks

www.rbgomg.com

- Archival inkjet prints
- Scanning – large format flat and film
- UV coating and mounting
- Full service, wide selection of papers and fabrics

Recommended by MCAD Service Bureau

Book Printing and Binding

Mn Center for Book Arts

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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
for more customizable, higher-quality photo books

MagCloud

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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 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 • (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.

Other

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

Wayzata Press

www.wayzatapress.com

- Full service print shop, wide variety of print materials
- Letterpress, **Risograph**

Fastsigns

www.fastsigns.com

- Full service print, wide variety of print materials
- Banners, display graphics, vinyl, promotional products

Spoon Flower

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 /decal
- Weekly design contests and option to sell your design.

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+ Digital Print Lab

