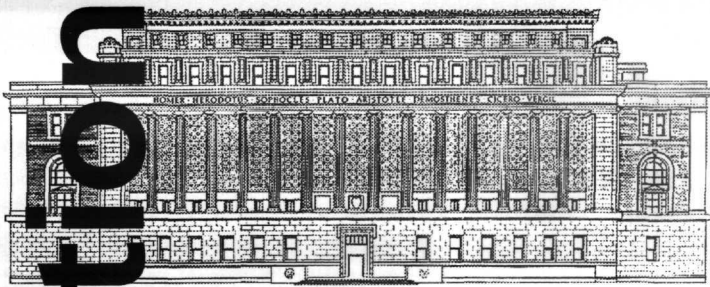


# Renovation News



## Butler Library Renovation

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### Phase 2 Planning Under Way

Planning for Phase 2 of the Butler Library renovation is well under way. Phase 1, the infrastructure and new technical processing and cataloging work areas on the first floor, is scheduled for completion in December 1997. Since the last issue of *Renovation News*, architects Shepley, Bulfinch, Richardson, and Abbott and an advisory group comprised of faculty, students, and members of the Libraries and Facilities staff, have been working to refine the plans for Phase 2.

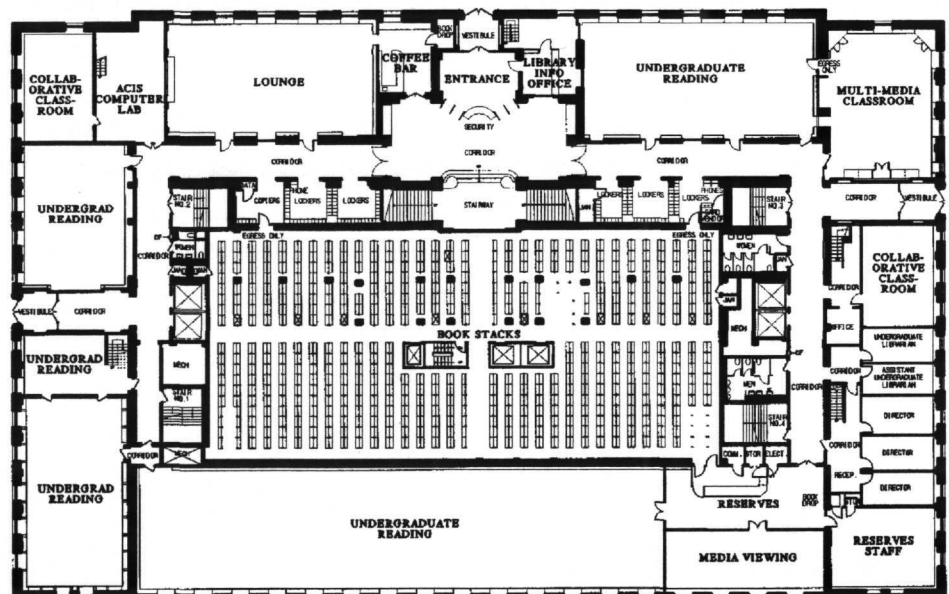
Phase 2 restoration and construction will include the second and third floors and a face-lift for the next few stack levels. The renovated second floor will become the

heart of the Undergraduate Library, and the first of three floors providing undergraduate library services and study space. In addition to providing undergraduate study space, the third floor will become the center for Reference and Information Services, including Circulation, Interlibrary Loan, and an expanded Electronic Text Service. Phase 2 is expected to take 30 months to complete and is scheduled to begin in January 1998. Future phases will complete the renovation of the Undergraduate Library on the fourth floor as well as the research reading rooms on the upper floors.

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#### January/February In Brief

- Installation of new lighting fixtures, smoke and sprinkler systems on stack tier 2
- Work on electrical risers, all stack tiers
- Work in mechanical shafts including east side men's rooms
- Installation of telecommunications infrastructure, room 524 and fifth floor hallways
- Installation of second floor power and data jacks and communications closets
- Demolition and construction, first floor west



Butler Library Renovation Second Floor

## *New Reading Rooms*

The renovated second and third floor undergraduate reading rooms will contain the undergraduate book collection and be part of the enlarged undergraduate library. Of course, all readers will be welcome in reading rooms throughout the library. Available seating in these rooms will be expanded significantly and configured comfortably. A variety of seating is planned to suit different study needs, ranging from individual quiet concentration and collaboration in groups to relaxed living room lounging. Furnishings, along with revised and improved lighting, will be of high quality and consistent with the architecture. When possible, the spaces being renovated in Phase 2 will be returned to their previous grandeur, highlighting the original design and craftsmanship. The two rooms nearest the second floor main entrance will be restored, one as a reading room, the other as a lounge. Library users will be able to consume food and beverages in the Lounge while studying, working on a laptop, checking e-mail, or unwinding with friends. The second floor will be open 24 hours a day.

College Reserves will remain on the second floor, augmented by a media viewing room, where students can view VCR tapes and other media soon to be available as part of the reserve collection. Reference and Circulation will remain on the third floor, where they will be joined in a central information hub by the Electronic Text Service and Interlibrary Loan. The periodical and microform collections will be consolidated on the fourth floor in a future phase.

## *Expanded Electronic Access*

Considerable space will be allocated to support the use of an ever-growing number of electronic resources and to provide all students with access to high-end equipment they may not personally own.

Moreover, because librarians and teaching faculty are increasingly working together to supplement course materials with electronic information resources, three electronic classrooms for library instruction will be constructed in Phase 2. When not in use for scheduled classes, the computer workstations in these rooms will supplement the AcIS 24-hour computing lab, which will double its current capacity. Over 75 computers will be available to students on the second floor alone. There will also be a "smart" lecture hall for multimedia demonstrations and presentations. Columbia Net terminals will be distributed liberally throughout the building.

## *Using the New Infrastructure*

As each floor is renovated, modernized systems will become operational, thanks to the new plumbing, ventilation, heating, air-conditioning, electrical service, lighting, and telecommunications infrastructure currently being installed as part of the first phase of the project. Old systems on the upper floors will continue to function in parallel with the new systems until the final floor is renovated.

Equal in importance to the design in the success of the renovation is getting the job done while maintaining full library services and access to the collections. As the design is finalized, careful analysis will result in a sequencing plan for Phase 2. It is a complex logistical challenge to meet construction requirements, accommodate the academic calendar, minimize the number of temporary relocations, and achieve the desired result. We will continue to make every effort to minimize the inconvenience and disruption of the renovation for the roughly 15,000 people using the library each week.

**Construction-free zones in  
January and February:  
Main Reading Room,  
third floor; Burgess Carpenter,  
fourth floor east side;  
sixth floor reading rooms.**

**Stay in touch – Read about  
"This Week's Work" in the main  
lobby and second floor elevator  
waiting areas. Watch for  
signs indicating scheduled work  
in specific areas.**

**Daily work is completed  
by 3:00 p.m.**

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We look forward to the successful completion of this project and appreciate your patience.