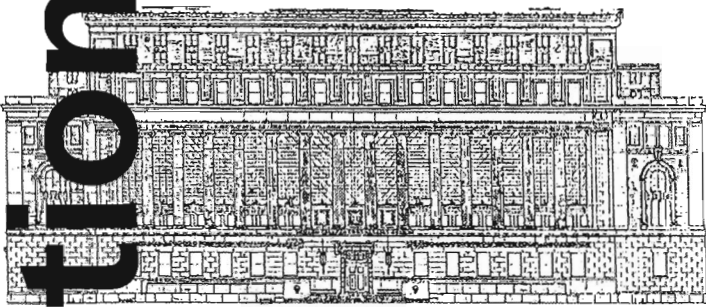


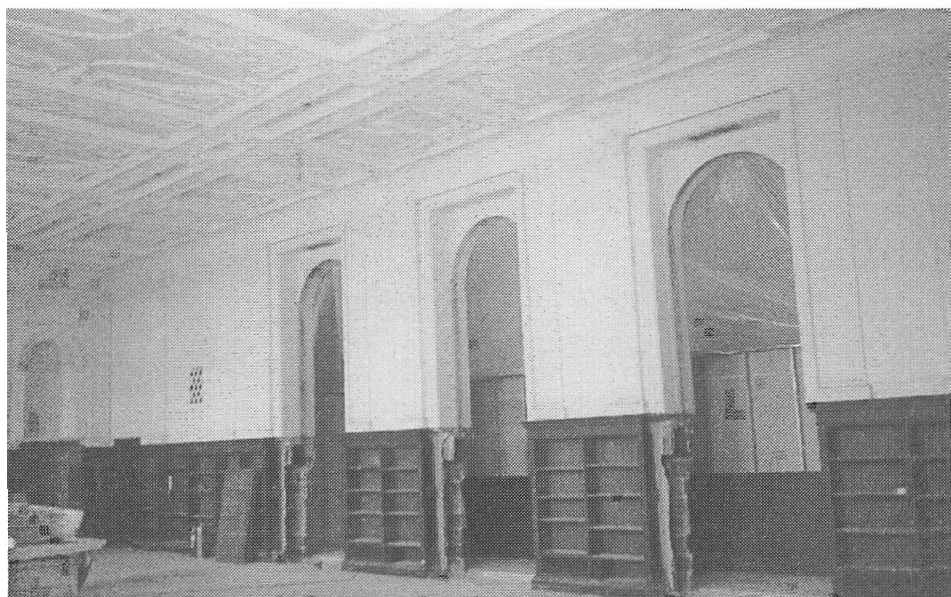
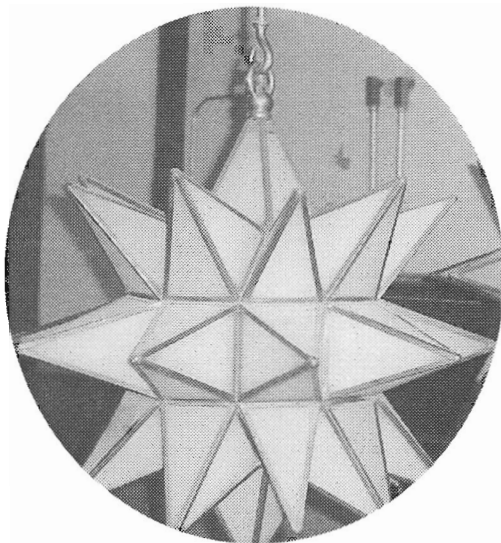
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After the renovation, stars such as the one in the photo below will once again grace the main lobby. They are among the historic light fixtures that have been removed for cleaning, repair, rewiring, and relamping so that they will function more effectively while retaining their 1930s splendor.



Room 202, formerly staff offices, reopens as the first new Undergraduate Reading Room in September '98. Students will be able to enter the room through new glass doors along the hall, which will also add light to the northeast corridor.

Summer Construction—Fall Openings

This summer construction will be apparent on the lower floors of Butler Library and on stack levels 3 and 4. By Labor Day much of the second floor will have been completely renovated and ready for use. In addition to rooms on the second and third floors, where renovation is already under way, the following spaces will be **CLOSED FOR CONSTRUCTION** at the end of the spring '98 semester. These rooms will reopen in September '98 unless otherwise noted:

AcIS Computer Lab, Room 224

College Reading Room, 226

Course Reserves Desk and College Library Staff (relocated to fourth floor east for the summer)

Philosophy Reading Room, 227 (reopens spring '99)

Rest Rooms:

Second floor East Women's

Second floor East Men's

Third floor East Women's (reopens June '98, partially renovated)

Third floor East Men's

During the summer, most of the second floor will be closed to library users and staff. In May and June there will be some demolition in the newest construction areas (see above). The main lobby, grand stairway, and stack levels 3 and 4 will be open, but under renovation throughout the summer months. We apologize in advance for the inevitable disruptions this work will cause. Watch for signs indicating scheduled work in specific areas and revised circulation patterns. The Library Informa-



The second floor west hall is currently closed for construction: the original marble floors have been protected; light fixtures have been sent out for refurbishment, openings for new glass doors to the Lounge are being prepared; and up-to-date HVAC, electric, communications, and fire safety systems are being installed.

tion Office will relocate to its new space across the main lobby during the summer.

Much of the visible work this summer will involve cleaning the marble walls and floors, repainting ceilings and walls, and refurbishing the decorative painting in the main lobby. All six exterior doors will also be refurbished. In addition, original woodwork in reading rooms will be refinished. Many of the original light fixtures, decorative plaster ceilings, and other special architectural features will be refurbished to complement the installation of modern lighting, plumbing, heating, air-conditioning, electric, communications, and fire safety systems. Columbia University's Environmental Health and Safety Department has approved all cleansers, paints, and varnishes being used. Once construction is completed, each room will be furnished to provide comfortable, efficient, and varied seating. Many of the original Windsor chairs will be refinished and reused at new tables and carrels.

May we suggest that you find some relative peace and quiet this summer in the fourth- and sixth-floor reading rooms while the second floor and stack levels 3 and 4 are in the thick of construction. Rooms 407-409 and 411 are air-conditioned! Take the west elevator to Rooms 604 and 605.

We look forward with you to the first Grand Openings in the fall!

Opening Fall '98

- Lounge and Coffee Bar
- A&S Computer Lab
- Information Resources Training Lab
- Undergraduate Reading Room (North)
- Main Lobby
- Library Information Office
- Reserves Desk and staff area
- Undergraduate Reading Room (current College Reading Room)
- Stack levels 3 and 4 (October completion)
- Public lockers and telephones
- Photocopy Services Sales area
- Rest Rooms

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Every effort will be made to keep interruptions to a minimum. We all look forward to the successful completion of this project and appreciate your patience with the construction.

Renovation Web Site

For more information about the Butler Library renovation, including "The Week's Work," photographs, floor plans, project history, and overview, look for us on the Web:

http://www.columbia.edu/cu/libraries/butler_ren

or find us through the Columbia Libraries home page.