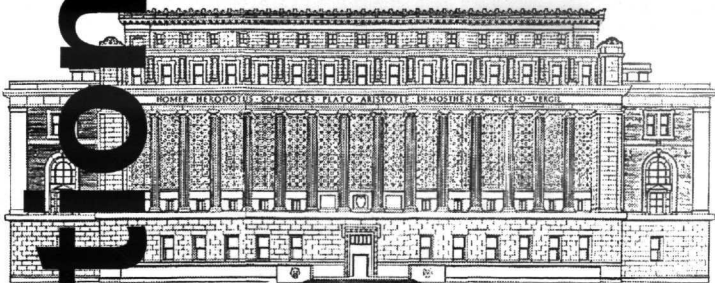


# Renovation News



## Butler Library Renovation

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### Phase 2 Construction Completed

Spring and Summer 2000 saw the completion of the remaining third floor spaces and the successful end of Phase 2 construction in Butler Library. A concentration of services on the third floor was achieved as the Electronic Text Service, Interlibrary Loan, an additional Information Resources Training Lab, and Reference, Collection Maintenance,

and Stack Maintenance staff joined the Circulation and Reference Departments. Also opening on the third floor were the renovated Catalog Room and another undergraduate reading room, part of the Philip L. Milstein Family College Library. These two spaces anchor the east and west sides of the floor and include mezzanines with intimate study alcoves.

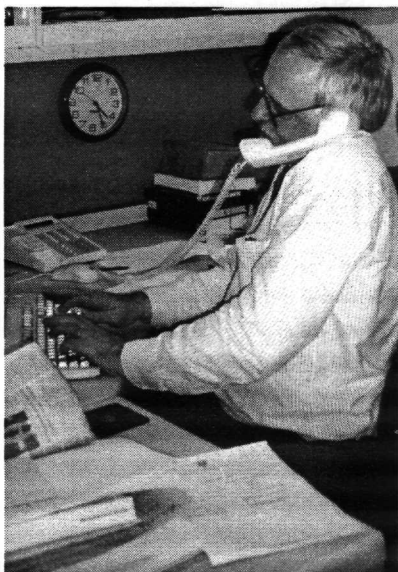
### Phase 3 Under Way!

Phase 3 construction began in March 2000, despite an official start date of July 2000. Replacement of the east passenger elevators had to begin in late March so they could be back in service by September. Both cars and all controllers and machinery were completely replaced during the summer. Much of the heavy machinery removed from the building was part of the original 1930s installation. The cab interiors were also updated. Floor indicators have been added in the elevator lobbies on 1, 4, 5, and 6. Floor indicator dials on the second and third floors will be installed by the end of the calendar year. These special dials on Butler's

grandest floors will be functional, but decorative, inspired by the original dials, which slowly stopped working over the years. We hope you find the new east elevators fast, efficient, reliable, and visually appealing. The remaining passenger elevator, on the west side, will be replaced next summer after Commencement in May 2001.

In May 2000, the east side of the fourth floor was vacated so that construction of the new Periodicals and Microforms Reading Rooms could begin. These new rooms will open in January, at the start of the Spring 2001 semester.

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Bob Scott, Head of Electronic Text Service

### 305 Butler: New Quarters for the Electronic Text Service

With an in-house collection of thousands of digital primary source texts in multiple languages and responsibility for selecting and maintaining a large online collection of the same type, the Electronic Text Service (ETS) has become an important part of library service at Columbia. Since its inception in 1987, ETS has been the place to come for help using the Libraries' digital full-text collections, for assistance in locating additional e-texts elsewhere, and to create electronic text and image resources using a range of scanning, editing, markup, and analysis tools.

These functions have all been greatly enhanced by the latest phase of Butler renovation. Once consigned by space constraints to a remote corner of the building, the ETS has now acquired a new home on the heavily trafficked third floor, just down the hall from its parent Reference Department, thereby increasing its visibility and facilitating referrals to its resources.

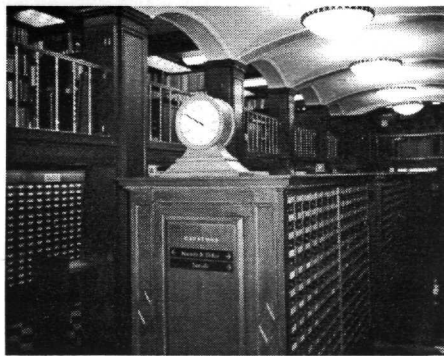
The spacious, well-lit quarters are designed to support a variety of activities: a common area with sixteen workstations equipped with Windows and

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### **305 Butler: New Quarters for the Electronic Text Service, continued**

Macintosh computers, scanners (flatbed, slide, and microfilm) and networked printers where users can work on individual projects; a classroom area with eight workstations and a computer projector for small group hands-on instruction; shared access to an Information Resources Training Lab next door for large group instruction; a staff reception and work area; and an office for the department head with space for individual consultations.

Virtually all of the equipment is new, enabling patrons to try out many of the latest technologies — e.g., Clear Type recently developed by Microsoft for better reading of printed texts on computer screens, or the Canon MS400 scanner/printer, which can transform microfilm into digital images or even machine-readable text. New equipment has also permitted the creation of an internal network for sharing, moving, and storing large amounts of electronic text and image material.

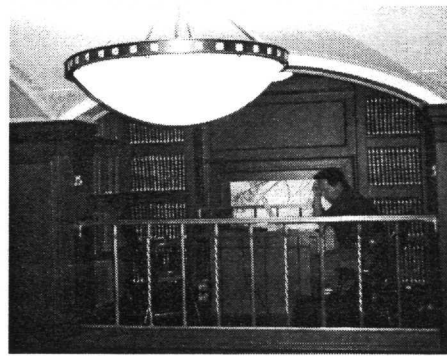


All 5,384 catalog drawers in the Catalog Room (310) were relocated to swing space and temporarily relabeled during construction so they could remain available to readers.

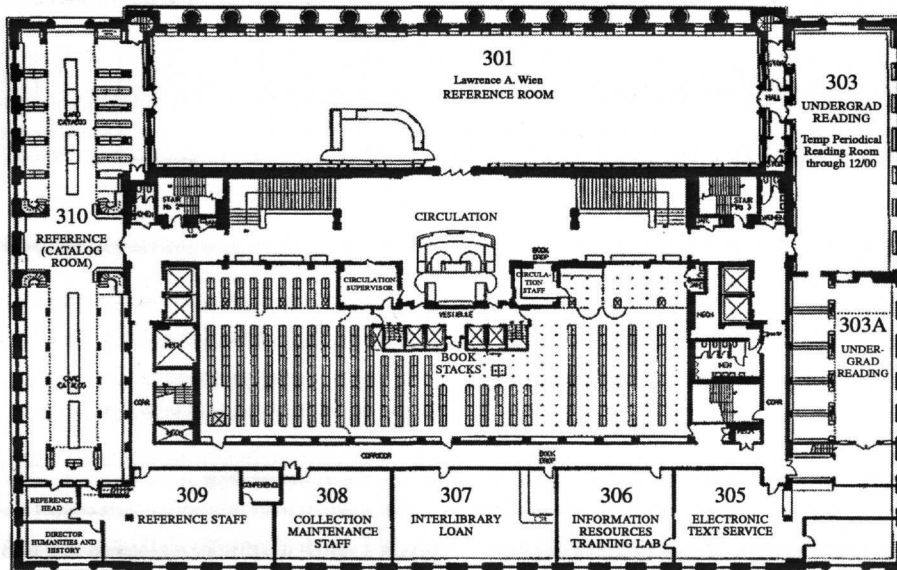
The staff of the ETS cordially invites you to come by to see the new facilities and resources. The department is currently open for walk-in service from 12 noon to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at other times by appointment. Advance reservations for scanning equipment (advisable, though not required) may be made by calling 854-7547.

### **Phase 3 Under Way!, continued**

Summer construction included the renovation of the next two stack levels: 7 and 8. In preparation for the relocation of the Microforms Reading Room from the fifth floor to the fourth floor, the stack microform storage area was shifted from Stack Level 12 to Stack Level 8. More than 115,000 rolls of microfilm were moved—in order—to their new shelf locations. Some of the circulating collection on Stack Level 8 was shifted to Stack Level 12 to make way for the microforms.



The renovated Catalog Room includes computers accessing CLIO, the online catalog, Reference books, and cozy study alcoves on the mezzanine.



Plan of renovated third floor.

### **Phase 3 Construction (July 2000–June 2003)**

#### **Completed Fall 2000:**

- East side passenger elevators
- Stack Levels 7 and 8

#### **Construction Under Way Opening Spring 2001:**

- Periodicals and Microforms Reading Rooms, fourth floor
- Additional Philip L. Milstein Family College Library Reading Room (open 24 hours during Fall and Spring terms), third floor

#### **Coming in 2001:**

- Completion of fourth floor Reading Rooms and Philip L. Milstein Family College Library
- West passenger elevator
- Stack Levels 9 and 10
- Libraries Administration and Meeting Rooms, fifth floor

#### **Ahead for 2002 and 2003:**

- Graduate Reading Rooms, fifth and sixth floors
- Electronic Publishing Initiative at Columbia (EPIC)
- Columbia Center for New Media Teaching and Learning (CCNMTL)
- Stack Level 11

### **LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS\* Fall Term**

#### **SEPTEMBER 5–DECEMBER 22, 2000**

Monday–Thursday 9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.  
Saturday 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.  
Sunday 12:00 noon–11:00 p.m.

*\*24-hour study areas accessible to  
CU ID holders only*

#### **EXCEPTIONS**

Wednesday, November 22 .....Library closes at 5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, November 23.....Library closed  
Friday, November 24 .....Library closed  
Saturday, November 25 .....Library reopens at 11:00 a.m.

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