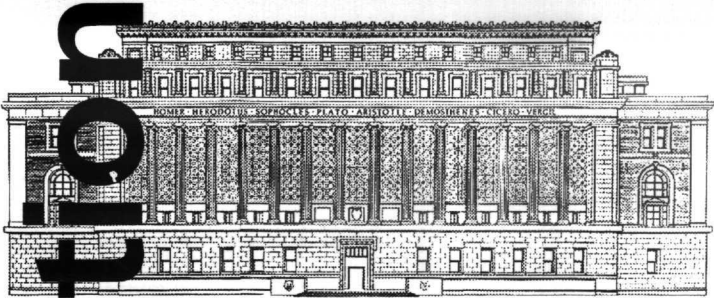


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Now Open: *The Lawrence A. Wien Reference Room*

The creation of the Lawrence A. Wien Reference Room represents a dramatic combination of restoration and change for 301 Butler. On the one hand, the room's magnificent ceiling, its oak bookcases, and its chandeliers have been restored to a beauty they haven't known since the room opened sixty-five years ago. New lighting both enhances the room's original beauty and eliminates the gloom that seemed to require readers to bring flashlights. But 301 Butler also has an entirely new purpose, one suited to the room's central location in the building and to the information needs of a twenty-first-century library. The central function of such a library is to connect library patrons with the information resources they require for

their study and research, whether those resources are in paper, on CD-ROM, or on line. With the relocation of the Reference Department into this magnificently restored room, access to such information is not only at the building's functional center but also at its physical heart. A host of new computer equipment will give readers enhanced access to electronic resources, while new and restored shelving will allow the Reference Department's paper collections to be arranged, for the first time, in logical, easy-to-follow call number order. Proximity to the new Circulation Desk, directly outside the Wien Reference Room doors, will greatly ease the flow of information between these two vital library services.

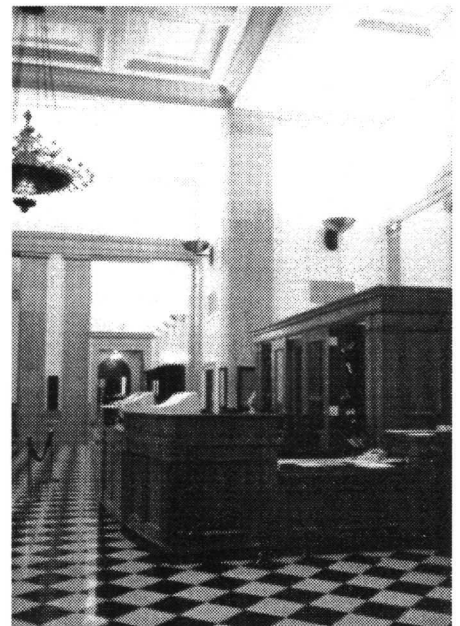
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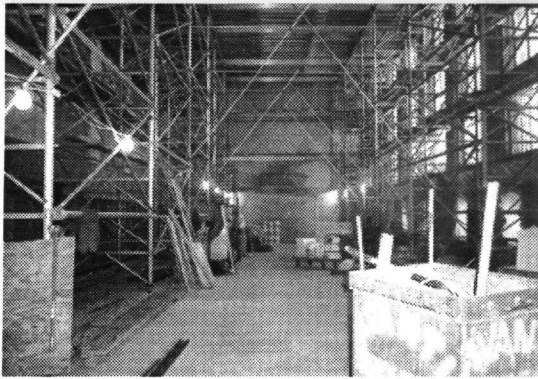
Phase 2 construction continues through the fall 1999 and spring 2000 terms on the third floor of Butler Library in the Catalog Room, former Browsing Room, and along the new south hallway—the future location of Interlibrary Loan, the Electronic Text Service, an Information Resources Training Lab, and staff offices. We appreciate your patience with the ongoing construction and will continue to make every effort to minimize the noise, dust, and disruption.



Renovated Lawrence A. Wien Reference Room.



New Circulation Desk in third-floor lobby.



Scaffold in Room 301: 8,000 square feet, 32 feet high.



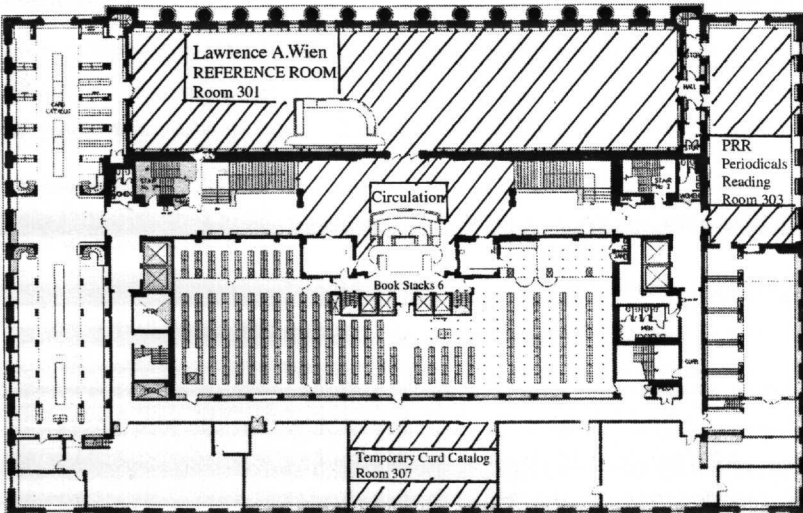
Room 301—The end result.



Ceiling detail, Room 301.

But there is still work to be done in the year ahead. The old reference and catalog room will be closed for renovation this fall, and portions of the Reference collection will therefore continue to be shelved on tier 6 of the Butler Stacks. In addition, the card catalogs themselves are being temporarily relocated to Room 307 in the third floor's new south corridor. Full access to the card catalogs will be available in this room, together with access to CLIO and telephone service that will enable readers to seek assistance from reference librarians when needed.

We hope library patrons will not be unduly inconvenienced by these continued dislocations. Their value will be apparent when the renovated catalog room opens in the summer of 2000, providing additional new computer resources, splendid study spaces, and even restored cabinets for the card catalog. At that time a new Electronic Text Service on the third floor's south corridor will also open, along with new offices for Interlibrary Loan, concentrating research services at the physical core of Butler and greatly enhancing our ability to provide the information needs of our patrons.



Plan of renovated third-floor spaces open for fall 1999 (shaded areas).

New on the Third Floor for Fall 1999

- Lawrence A. Wien Reference Room (301)
- New Circulation Desk
- Twenty-two computers and lounge seating added to the Lobby
- Stack levels 5 and 6 completed
- Interim relocation of Periodicals to 303.

Coming Soon . . . Phase 3 (July 2000–September 2003)

- Renovation of the fourth, fifth, and sixth floors, including:
Periodicals and Microforms Reading Rooms
Balance of the Philip L. Milstein Family College Library
Graduate Reading Rooms
Remaining public stacks, levels 7–11
- Rehabilitation of all three passenger elevators

LIBRARY SERVICE HOURS* *Fall Term*

SEPTEMBER 7–DECEMBER 22, 1999

Monday–Thursday9:00 a.m.–11:00 p.m.
Friday9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Saturday11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Sunday12:00 noon–11:00 p.m.

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

EXCEPTIONS

Wednesday, November 24Library closes at 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 25.....Library closed
Friday, November 26Library closed
Saturday, November 27Library reopens at 11:00 a.m.

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