

microfiche collection is maintained for student and faculty use. A special interest of the library has been the procurement of the microfilmed records of several counties in the Southeastern Community College service area as well as microfilms of periodicals published in North Carolina before 1900. A Thermofax (3M) Model 400 reader-printer with microfiche attachment is available for patron use. With supplementary lenses the reader-printer is capable of reproducing the microforms into original size copy for the reader.

To supplement student report writing a Thermofax (3M) book copier Model 76 is available. A ten cents per sheet charge is made for book copying as well as microform reprinting.

Two professional audio-visual-librarians and two clerical assistants comprise the permanent library staff. A number of interested student assistants are available. Both librarians assist the Student Personnel Services office of the college in providing an orientation program in the use of the library. Academic credit is given for this course.



THIS VIEW of the Rudisill Library at Lenoir-Rhyne College shows how the new wing, completed in 1967, joins the original building opened in 1943. The open doors in the old building are used as an emergency exit.

## A LIBRARY ADDITION AT LENOIR RHYNE

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A beautiful, functional combination of both old and new characterize the Carl A. Rudisill Library at Lenoir Rhyne College, a co-educational Lutheran liberal arts college located in Hickory. With its spacious new addition occupied in 1967, the library is a show place for visitors to the campus as well as a haven for student research.



SHOWN ABOVE is a portion of the main floor in the Rudisill Library. This view shows the circulation desk, card catalog, current periodicals, and a part of the reference collection.

Through the years the administration of the college has recognized that a good library is essential to a progressive program of higher education. From 1891, when the Lutheran institution opened its door, until 1943, the library was located in the Administration building. Destroyed by fire in 1927, the library was quickly restored by townspeople and other donors so that by 1929 a new library was located in the Rhyne Administration Building.

The dream of a separate library building became a reality in 1943 through donations from the Carl A. Rudisill family of Cherryville. Foreseeing future growth, the donors specified that the library be built so that additions could be made. On October 22, 1967, a spacious addition to the original Carl A. Rudisill Library was dedicated. The major speaker at the dedicatory program was Dr. William C. Archie, executive director, Mary Reynolds Babcock Foundation, Winston-Salem. Once again, the major gift was made by the Carl A. Rudisill Foundation.

In 1964 college administrators called William Jesse, Director of Libraries, University of Tennessee, as consultant to serve with a committee of students, faculty members, administration, and library staff. This group projected the library needs of the college family and turned them over to Clemmer-Horton-Bush Associates, Inc. for architectural interpretation. Hence, understanding, imagination, and cooperation resulted in a truly functional yet aesthetically pleasing library.

During the long eighteen months of construction and renovation of the building, library service was not curtailed at any time.

The addition to the Carl A. Rudisill Library is functional, contemporary architecture, designed to blend with that of the original building. The focal point of the building is

the entrance foyer which combines large areas of glass, wide steps, planters, and lighted display case to create a bright, comfortable atmosphere.

The first floor of the addition contains an informal periodical area, the main circulation desk with office space for a staff member, card catalog, reference shelving, and study carrels. Office space for the library staff, work space for technical services, a reserved book desk, and general reading area give the added benefits of service and utility. The staff offices are in the center of the building, easily accessible to students and near work space for technical services.

The second floor of the new structure includes six enclosed carrels for faculty members, a conference room, student study carrels, general seating, and additional open shelving.

The lower level of the original library has been remodeled to provide a seminar room, shelving area for bound and unbound periodicals, reader space, microfilm readers, photocopy machine, and space for storage.

Lenoir Rhyne students are seated in reader/book areas, which, as the name implies, are those areas in which the reader and the book are brought together, whether it be in the reference, reserve, or current periodicals section or in the library "stacks". At present Lenoir Rhyne has a completely open-shelf library with seating space for 350 students.

The addition doubles the size of the library to 37,435 square feet and makes possible shelving for a maximum of 120,000 volumes. For the convenience of students, the library has a public telephone and a book slot near the entrance so that books may be returned when the library is closed. A key-operated elevator is available for staff members, while a service court, located at the rear of the building, gives access to receiving, storage, and mechanical rooms.

Acoustical ceilings, carpeted floors, air conditioning units, attractive furniture, and excellent illumination combine to create a warm, inviting atmosphere which furnishes a stimulus to the student who uses the pleasant and comfortable library surroundings.

Lenoir Rhyne College is grateful to all the donors who have made the library building and services possible, for the new wing of the library is a place conducive to the quiet pursuit of learning in the search for "the truth that makes men free."

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## J. C. SMITH LIBRARY MEETS STUDENT NEEDS

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The James B. Duke Memorial Library at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte opened in September, 1967. The architect for the two-story structure was A. G. Odell, Jr. and Associates of Charlotte. Mr. Ralph E. Brice of this firm was chief designer, and the contractor was Coe Construction Company.

The ground floor houses the reference section, reserve book section, periodicals, card catalog, Dennison Coin Copier, Curriculum Materials Center, workroom for technical processes, and a general reading and browsing area.