

One-half of the front reading area provides informal seating for readers using current periodicals while the other serves as a reserve book section. Areas for reference, circulation, the card catalog, and bound periodicals are located under the mezzanine. The mezzanine is used primarily as a stack area for non-fiction but also contains four micro-film reading rooms, rest rooms, and an informal study area. This area overlooks the front reading area and faces a glass wall providing a panoramic view of the campus and distant mountains.

The basement level consists of a receiving room for books, storage area for bound volumes of the *New York Times*, staff lounge, large seminar room, rest rooms for staff and students, and other rooms for storage, heating, and air conditioning. A side entrance permits student traffic to enter the library from the cafeteria and science building.

The present book capacity is 35,000 volumes in open stacks, with space available to add additional stacks as needed. Seating capacity is now 179, which will accommodate more than one-fourth of the student body at any time. There is ample room to add seating on the main floor and mezzanine as the student body grows in size. Expansion of floor space may be gained by extending the mezzanine over part of the rear reading area since columns were designed for this purpose.

The flexible design of the building has already given opportunities for several arrangements and modifications of the original interior layout. It is anticipated that other adjustments will be made as the college grows and changes in the years ahead.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE LIBRARY ACCENTS A-V MATERIALS

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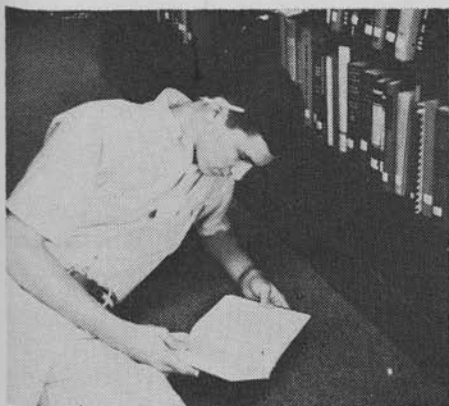
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An exceptional feature of the Southeastern Community College Library is the complete absence of the traditional library table so familiar to many librarians and students.

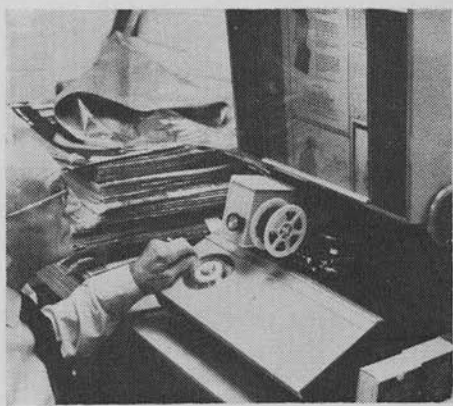
The library, located in the two-story Administration Building, is a large reading room area, two offices, a workroom, receiving room, and an audio-visual area on the second floor. A book elevator connects the receiving room with the audio-visual room. Over 6,120 square feet of floor space is allocated to these areas.

Of the 6,120 square feet in the main library, stack areas encompass approximately 1,200 square feet, seating areas include 3,916 square feet, office and work areas comprise over 1,100 square feet, and nearly 450 square feet are allotted to air conditioner equipment and other service areas. The audio-visual storage on the second floor covers over 300 square feet and is used mainly for storage and preview. Built-in cabinetry, shelving, sinks, and counter-height work tables are featured in these work spaces. Two offices are furnished in the same decor as the main library. An outstanding feature for individual control is the glass paneling between a workroom and office and the main reading room.

The library for educational and administrative purposes is an integral part of the Learning Center at Southeastern Community College. The Learning Center comprises the



A SATISFIED STUDENT at Southeastern Community College finds the soft carpet in the library more comfortable than a study carrel. The library is unusual in that it has no reading tables, only individual carrels.



A PATRON at Southeastern Community College Library uses a microfilm reader-printer. Both microfilm and microfiche may be read and/or copied on this machine.

library, teaching auditorium, photographic dark rooms, language laboratory, all audio-visual services, closed circuit television, and print shop—facilities located in various buildings on campus. For the purpose of this article only the library will be discussed.

Southern Desk Company's "Decoration Line" furnishings embellish the decor of the entire library. Rust carpet, dark walnut furniture and shelving, coral, blue, yellow, and brown upholstered side chairs, and beige painted walls complement each other in an array of color. The unique one hundred seating capacity of the library is composed entirely of two- and four-place carrels. Nine-foot double-faced shelving sections are interspersed in a modular plan. The divided charging desk with white simulated leather tops dominate the circulation-reference area as one enters the library. Divided card catalogs with card catalog reference tables are at each side of the circulation desk. Twin periodical index tables, counter-height reference shelving, matching dictionary and atlas stands, and a newspaper-current magazine display section balance the circulation-reference area.

The circulation desk acts as a hub for the multi-services of the library for the students and faculty of Southeastern Community College. A Gaylord Model C book charger is employed for all circulation procedures including two-week, three-day, and overnight circulation. Over 20,000 volumes are currently available for circulation in this 25,000 volume capacity library. Because of the dual nature of the physical facilities of the circulation desk all reference librarian activities are centralized here.

Over 1,400 phonograph records, although kept in the audio-visual area on the second floor due to space limitations, are circulated as two-week items from the circulation desk. Magazines are cataloged and shelved in the regular stacks. Currently the library is receiving over 200 current titles. In addition to marking the various periodical indexes and having Library of Congress catalog cards for each title in the public catalog, patrons may consult a "Kardex" file showing the library's periodical holdings.

To supplement the library's collections of magazines and newspapers a microfilm and

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.