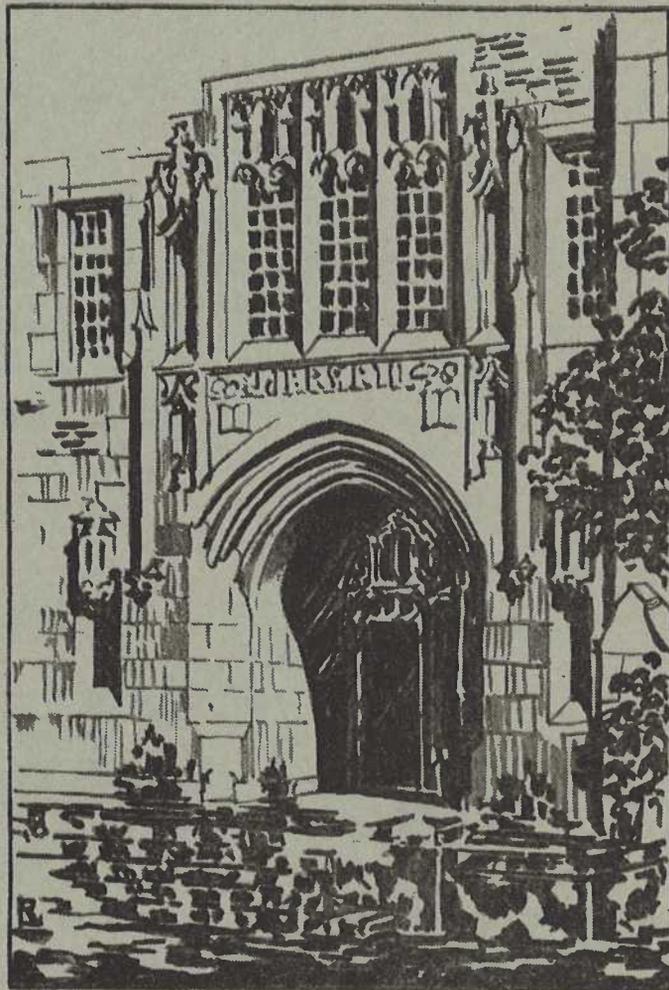


The
LIBRARY



AGNES SCOTT COLLEGE
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The AGNES SCOTT LIBRARY

THE Agnes Scott College Library, opened in the fall of 1936, is centrally located on the campus and has already become, as it should be, the focal point of instruction, the heart of the College. This building has been named in honor of Andrew Carnegie, the donor of the first library building to Agnes Scott.

Constructed of brick and Indiana limestone with graded tile roof, it belongs in style of architecture to the modern Gothic, and conforms in



REAR VIEW

type to the adjacent buildings. It was designed by Edwards and Sayward, Atlanta architects, and, completely equipped, cost \$230,000.

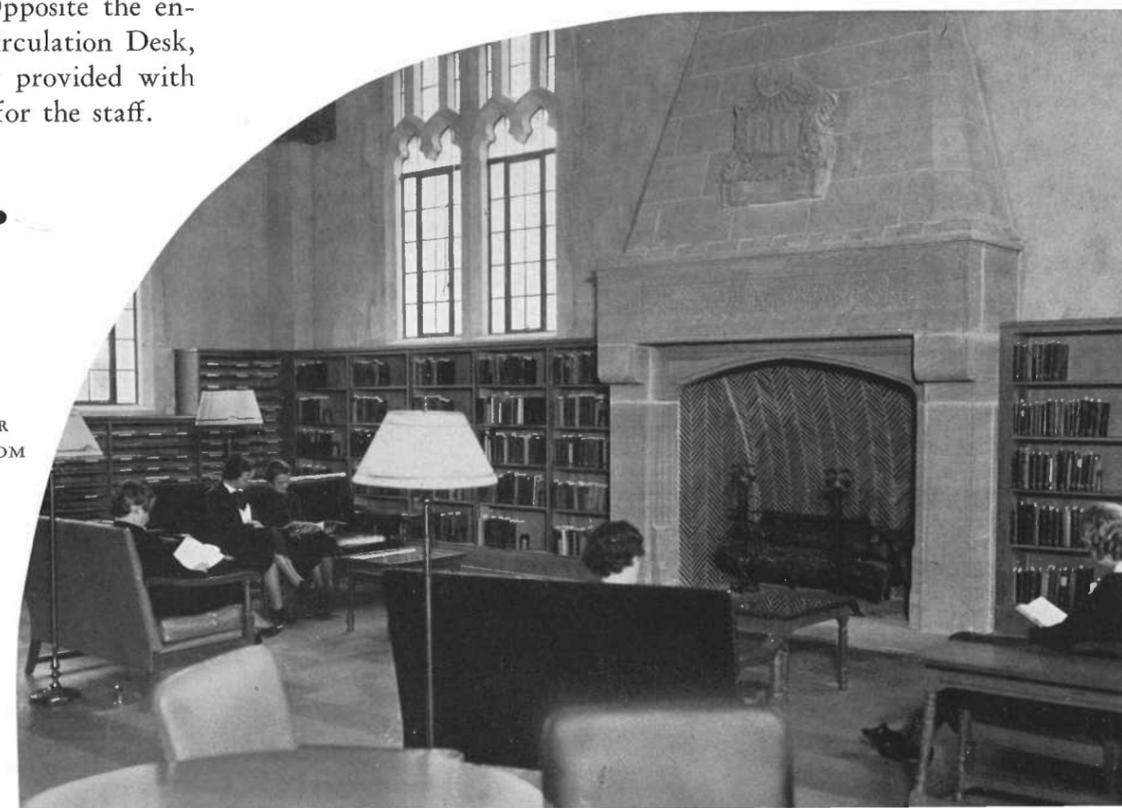
A glance at the floor plans will show that the Library is in the shape of an ell, one wing of which is two stories in height and consists of a large reading room on each floor. The other wing rises to four stories and is taken up with storage and unassigned space on the ground floor, with lobby and administrative quarters on the first floor, with seminars, staff lounge, and projection and typing rooms on the second, and with a museum on the top floor. The tower bookstacks are located in the internal angle of the building.

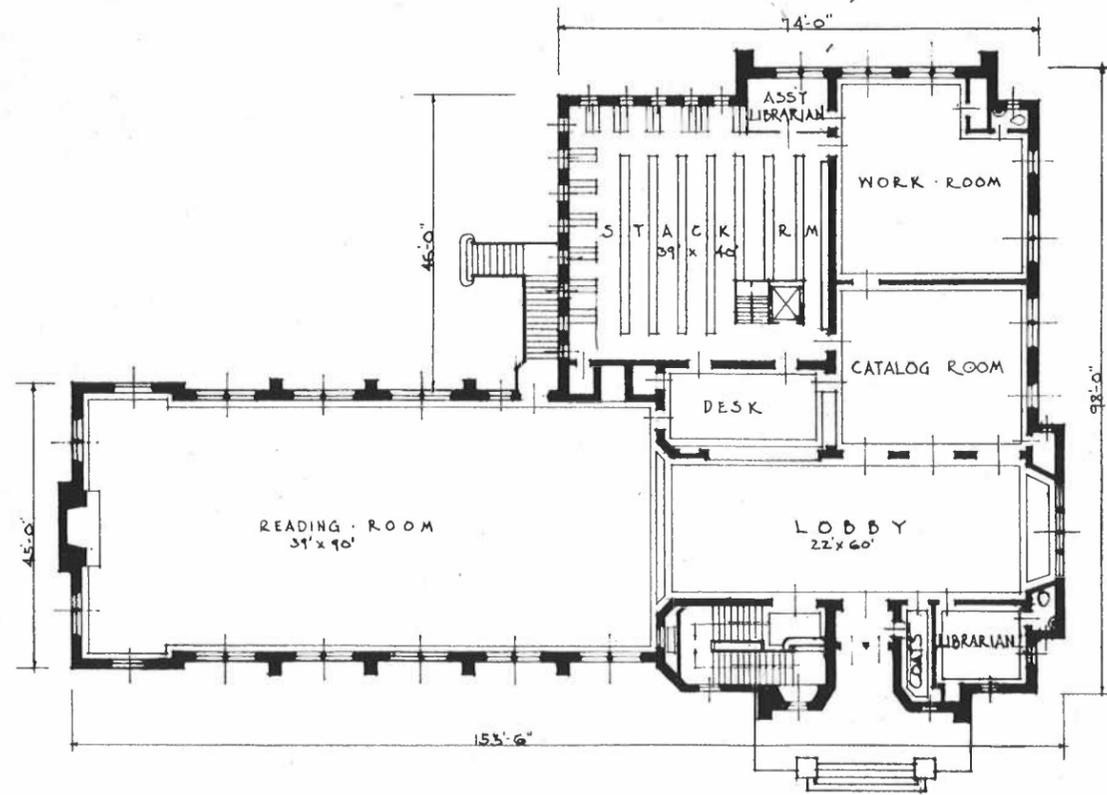


READING AND REFERENCE ROOM

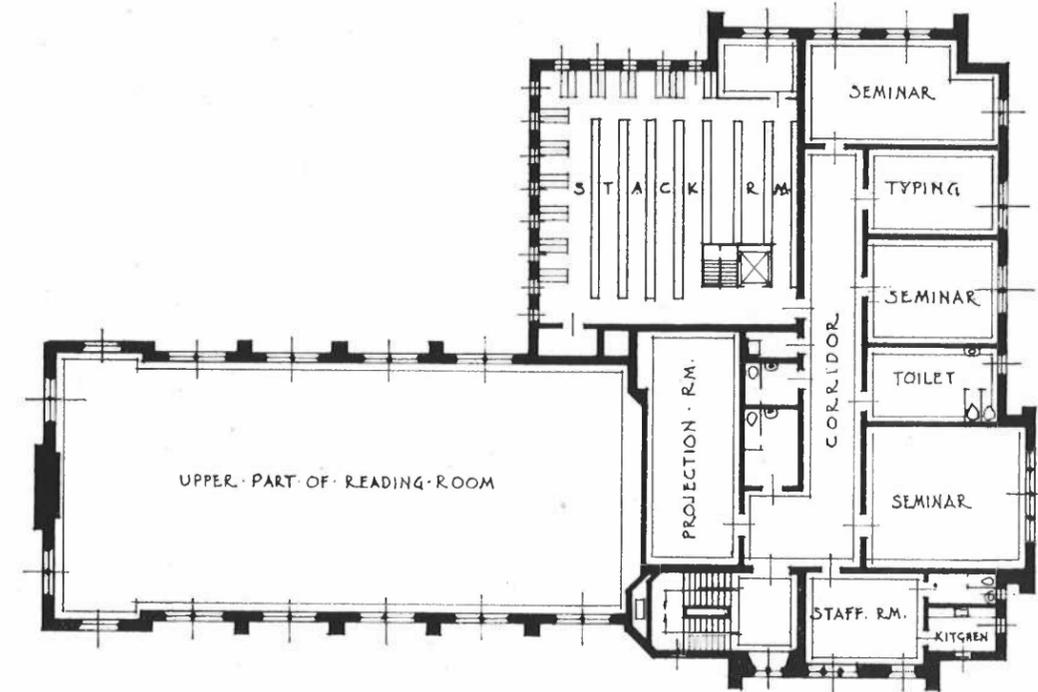
The entrance to the Library leads into the lobby, which is ornamented with early printers' devices, with urns affording indirect light radiation, and with quotations cast in the actual concrete of the structural beams. Opposite the entrance is the Circulation Desk, which is amply provided with working space for the staff.

INFORMAL CORNER
IN MAIN READING ROOM

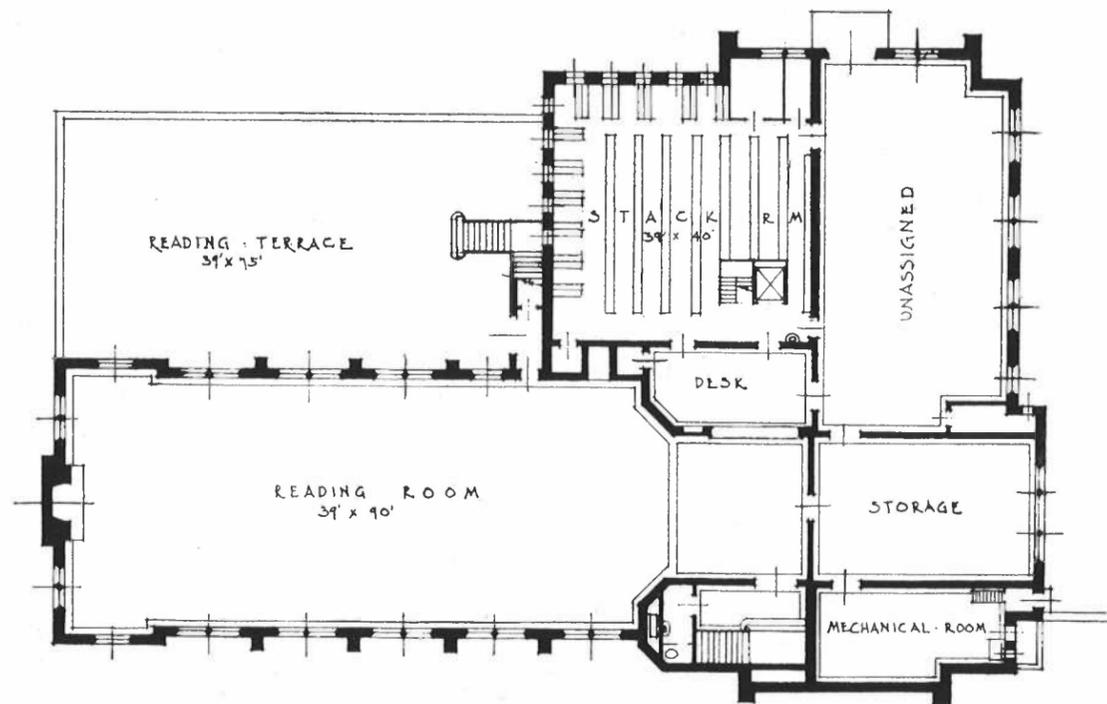




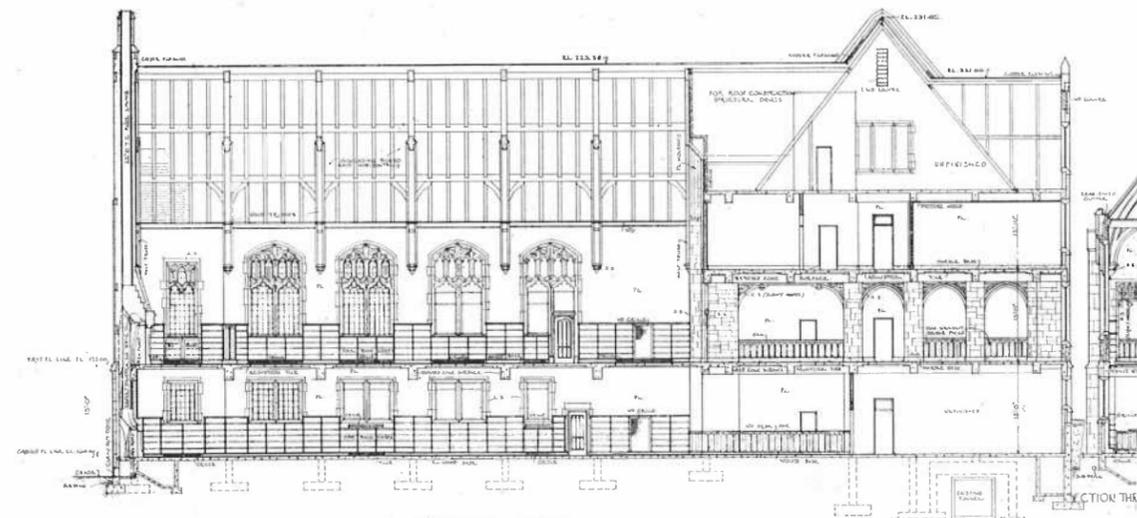
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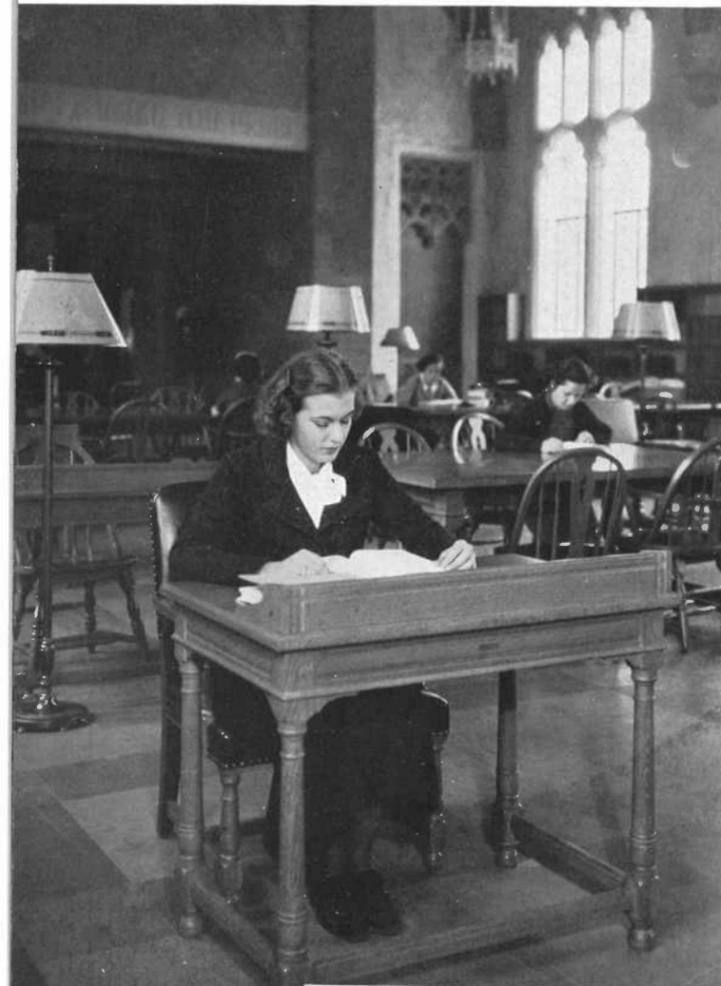
SECOND FLOOR PLAN



GROUND FLOOR PLAN



LONGITUDINAL SECTION
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"



To the left of the lobby is the first floor Reading and Reference Room, which is large and lofty and has thirteen noble windows taking up almost the entire wall space, thus providing a maximum amount of natural light and giving a cheery brightness to the whole room. This effect is reinforced by the light finish of the woodwork and by the colorful upholstery of the chairs, in bright red and blue. But the predominant impression of the room is a welcome informality and ease, obtained by the arrangement of the davenports, the large, comfortable chairs, the floor lamps and the individual study desks, and by the alcoves for current periodicals and the great stone fireplace at the east end.

Directly below, on the ground floor, is the Reserved Book Room, equipped with open reserve shelves and with a



special type of Windsor chair designed for the comfort of a student working at a table. This room has at present a seating capacity of one hundred twenty-eight. The first floor Reading Room seats one hundred ten; and the Library as a whole provides accommodation for more than half the student body.

The bookstacks are six tiers in height, of which three have been supplied with shelving. They are open to all students and have a capacity of 120,000 volumes. When completely equipped they will contain sixty-six carrels for faculty and students where advanced research may be carried on. They are provided with the Snead steel bracket type of stacks with open bar hinged bracket shelves. There is ample space for storage and for an electric elevator.



OUTDOOR READING TERRACE



SEMINAR



RESERVED BOOK ROOM

A special feature which takes into account the mild, open winters of Atlanta is the outdoor Reading Terrace. This Terrace, located so as to benefit from the sunny southern exposure, is provided with weatherproof chairs and tables and gaily colored umbrellas, and can be reached from the upper Reading Room by an attractive stone staircase.

The technical details of the building are most modern. The Library is completely fireproof. The floor coverings are of asphalt tile. Every precaution has been taken to insure damp-proofing, including the latest developments in heating and air-conditioning. Of special interest for the preservation of quiet is the sound insulation which has been installed in the major rooms.

With its seminars for advanced classes, its two large reading rooms, its bookstacks fitted up as a center for research rather than as a storehouse, its due regard for differentiation of function in its varied activities, and its ample provision for future growth and expansion, the Agnes Scott Library offers to the student the opportunity of "beholding the bright countenance of truth in the quiet and still air of delightful studies."

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