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MATERIAL ON THE
MARGIE HELM LIBRARY

FOR

MR. ROBERT COCHRAN
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

July 12, 1965

Mr. Robert G. Cochran, Director
Office of Public Relations

Sara Tyler, Director of Library Services

July 13, 1965

I hope this material will help you
with the brochure on the new library.

If you have questions, please call me.

I do not consider this a finished
piece of writing so I hope you will edit
it carefully and select only that which
you need.

STATISTICAL DATA

HOLDINGS - as of June 30, 1965

Number of volumes In round numbers for revision of handbooks, we are saying 160,000.	Accessioned 151,895 Plus estimated 10,000 from Business University collection not processed
Number of journals on current subscription	820
Number of daily newspapers	12
Number of reels of microfilm	3,532
Number of titles or volumes in microcard form	2,625
Number of titles, items or volumes in microprint form	52,696

NUMBER OF STAFF - as of September, 1965 *

Main Library	14 professional 1 secretary 4 clerical assistants
Branches	4

* These are budgeted positions.
Hope to have all filled by September.

BUDGET FOR THE DIVISION OF LIBRARY SERVICES - for 1965-1966

In excess of \$300,000.00**

**Check with Mr. Downing about publishing.

The handsome vestibule of glass, aluminum, walnut paneling, and terrazo floor is impressive. The glass walls are hung with drapery of natural Ghent. The wall to the right as one enters features a decorative mural of the College Campus as of January, 1965, painted by Mrs. Doris Karsell of Louisville, Kentucky. ((Do you want to elaborate on this?))

The building is air conditioned throughout; the Reference Room, Browsing Area, Entry and Circulation Desk areas, Administrative Offices and Conference Room on the first floor are carpeted.

Reference Room - dark gold, rust
and white blend

All other carpet - green

All new furniture is of modified contemporary design* Upholstery colors include bittersweet, yellow, Italian brown, and jade.

To the right, as one enters the main floor from the vestibule, are the card catalogs. ((This is the wall where Mr. Hull's portrait will hang. See attached.)) High reference tables and upholstered stools provide accommodations while consulting the catalogs.

* Check this description with Mr. Owen Lawson.

PICTURES

Mr. Cochran, I think you can write up a story on the Cordell Hull portrait featured in the first floor area.

The Library also has paintings (I do not know yet which rooms they will be displayed in) by:

Mr. Ivan Wilson, (2 water colors)
former Head of the Art Department.

Mr. Grant Renard, (2 water colors)
guest artist-lecturer some years ago.
One of the pictures is a view from Cherry Hall
looking down College Street.

Mr. William Loy, (1 water color)
former member of the Art Department.

Japanese prints purchased by the library

A bronze bust of William Shakespeare,
gift of the 1927 Senior Class.

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As one walks to the left, casual chairs and tables in attractive arrangement, invite one to read the daily newspapers, new books, or browse in the fiction area. Bittersweet upholstery compliments the walnut paneling enclosing the Circulation ^{Desk Area.} ~~Office.~~

The Administrative Offices are on the first floor in the South wing. Adjacent to these is the Technical Processes work area. A documents reading room adjacent to the Reference Room, and a Rare Book Room are in the North wing.

Reading areas on the second floor are Reserve Book and Periodical Rooms. Individual study desks and carrels are located throughout the reading and study areas. A browsing area in the Periodical Room provides an oasis with casual furniture and area rug of Cinnamon Moresque for individuals reading current issues of periodicals and journals.

An assigned area for faculty carrels is also on the second floor.

A staff lounge with compact kitchen equipment is an attractive room in the South wing and has a gorgeous view of the countryside.

A room on the second floor houses a growing collection of material on microfilm and microcard. Equipment for reading microreproduced material is available. Among titles in the collection are the New York Times, Courier-Journal, Park City Daily News, London Times, many journal titles, the Kentucky Culture series, Civil War titles, nineteenth century American and British literature items. In addition but housed in the Reference Room is the complete microprint edition of Early American Imprints, 1619-1800, and the Second Edition, 1801-1819.

The Art Room on the second floor is an attractive carpeted and casually furnished area for displaying a fine collection of material in the fine arts. ^{Included} ~~Displayed here also~~ is a gift collection presented by Mr. Patrick C. Smith, of Louisville, an alumnus of the College.

Adjoining is the Listening Room with facilities for enjoying the recordings owned by the Library. Two ~~framed~~ early music manuscripts are displayed here.

On the ground level facing South are the classrooms, offices, reading and study rooms for the Department of Library Science. This entire area, particularly the Library Science Reading Room, has been furnished and planned to present a small model library with atmosphere and charm.

The Stack Area houses the major portion of the book collection. An assigned Stacks Supervisor works with the Circulation Desk Staff in the administration of this area. In a somewhat modified divisional arrangement, large blocks of material in history, humanities, and education are housed in the Reference and Reserve Rooms.

The Library is a designated depository for selected government publications, which are arranged by the Superintendent of Documents classification. This collection includes some 11,500 bound volumes and thousands of unbound items administered by a Documents Librarian and housed in a separate stack area.

OTHER ITEMS

The Xerox copying service is available at the Circulation Desk.

An outside book return has been installed for the convenience of borrowers returning books after hours.

Two elevators, one of service size, at either side of the building provide easy access between floors for use of library personnel.

BRANCH LIBRARIES

((Include some mention of these?))

The Kentucky Library and Museum with its excellent collection of rare Kentuckiana draws scholars from all over the country. In addition to 16,000 cataloged items, the holdings include approximately 11,000 manuscripts, 2,000 pieces of sheet music, 2,000 pamphlets, and many pictures and photographs.

The Science Library in the Kelly Thompson Science Building serves the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and to some extent, Agriculture. Plans for
An addition to the building will quadruple the library facilities.

Mr. Robert G. Cochran, Director
Office of Public Relations

Sara Tyler, Director of Library Services

July 19, 1965

Attached is some additional information
on the new library that you may need for
the special brochure.

MARGIE HELM LIBRARY

Seating Capacity

1,000

Volume Capacity

350,000

Area for future expansion
(set aside in master plan)
170' x 80'

(Old swimming pool area)

In present building have (OLD LIBRARY)
22,801 square feet for library purposes

In new building have
69,677 square feet for library purposes *

Add 4,800 square feet when Industrial Arts area is
turned over to us. *

* Check with Mr. Owen Lawson

7/19/65