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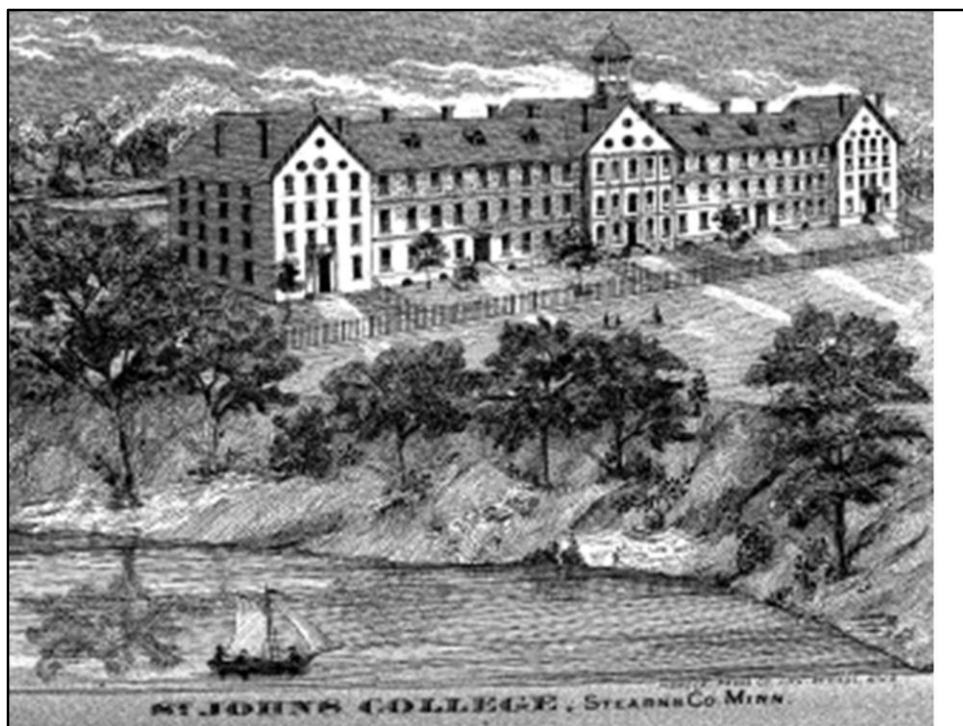


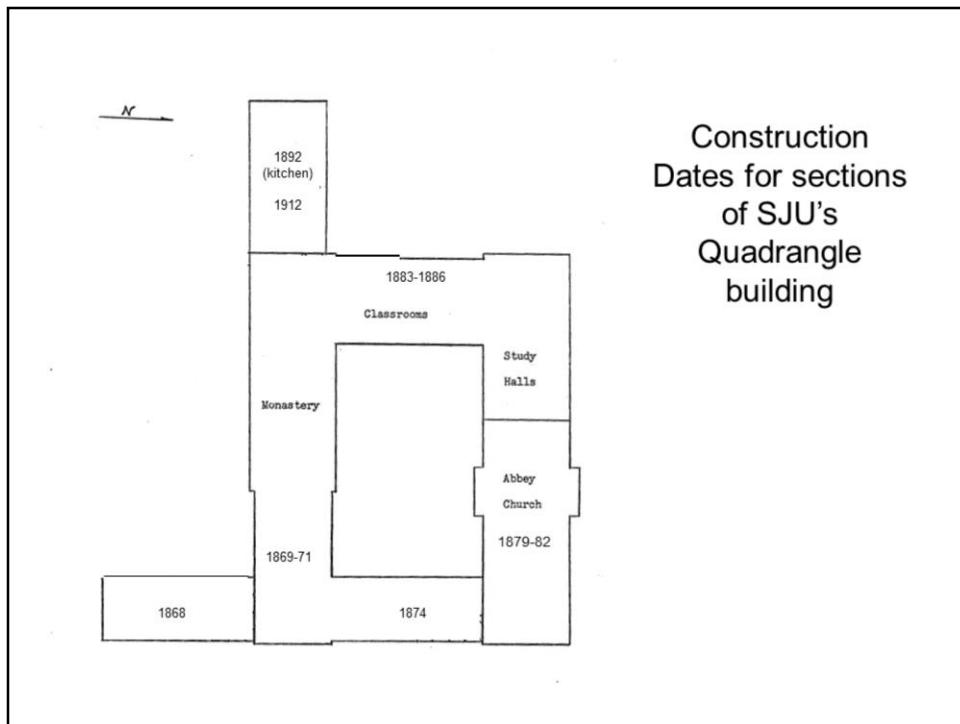
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ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE,ST. JOSEPH, STEARNS COUNTY, MINN.

Bordering on one of Minnesota's prettiest lakes, and near the lovely Watab, surrounded by a picturesque forest, four miles from St. Joseph—the nearest village—stands St. John's College, an institution favorably known to the greater and better portion of our citizens for these many years.

The St. Paul & Pacific Railroad passes through the College lands. A large and substantial building, 315 ft. front, a valuable library, a flourishing College, a thriving community, show that the Benedictine Order, established A. D. 525, is, as of yore, fulfilling its august mission. As early as 1493, thirteen members of this order, under their leader, Dom Bernardo Boil, landed with Columbus, on Montserrat, one of the West India Islands, to commence in the New World the great things which the order had begun and nobly done in the Old, the education and civilization of peoples and nations.

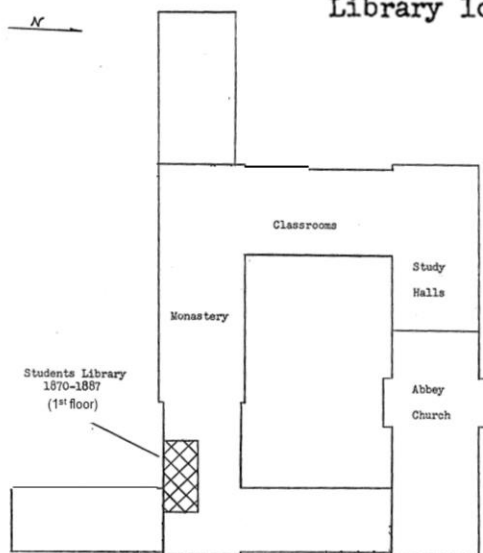




Construction Dates for sections of SJU's Quadrangle building

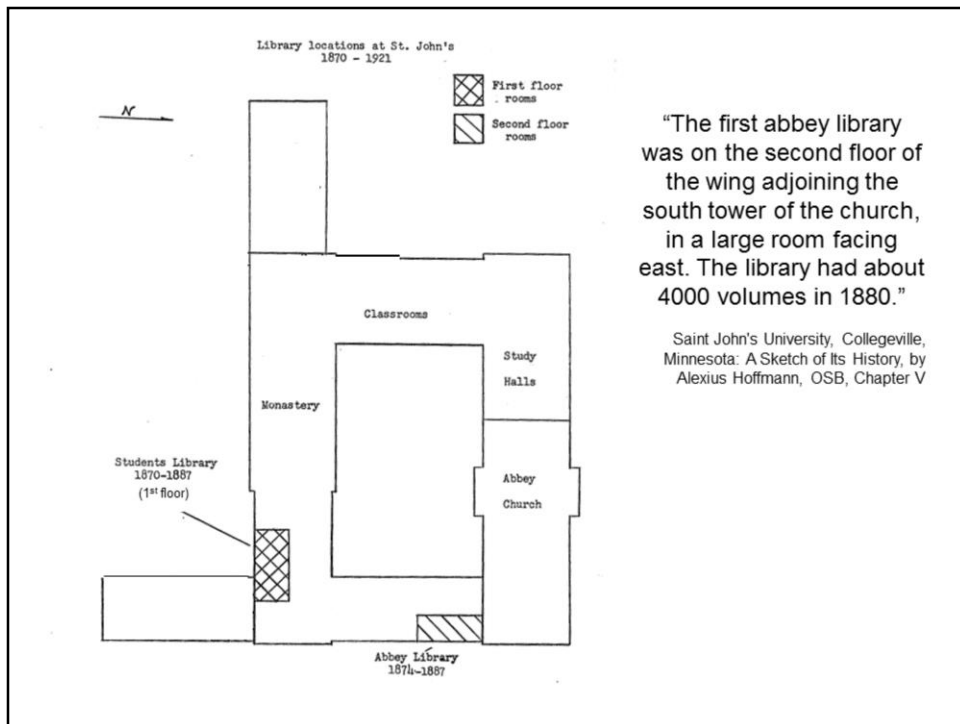
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Library locations at St. John's 1870 - 1921



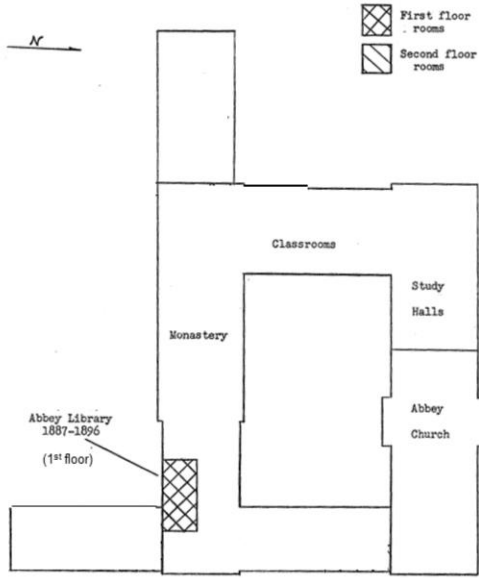
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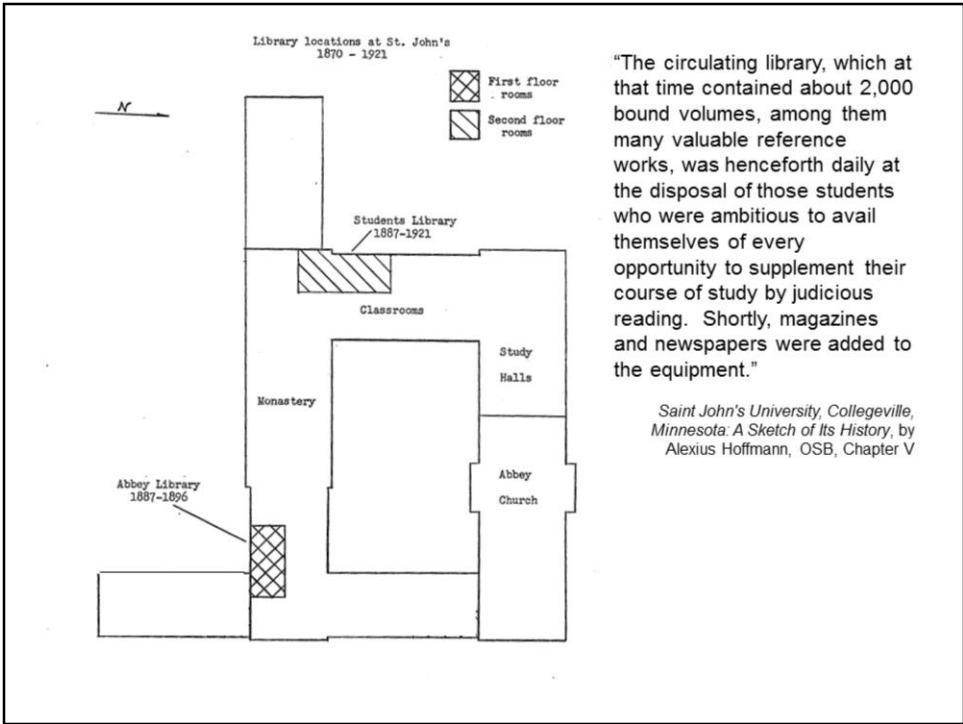
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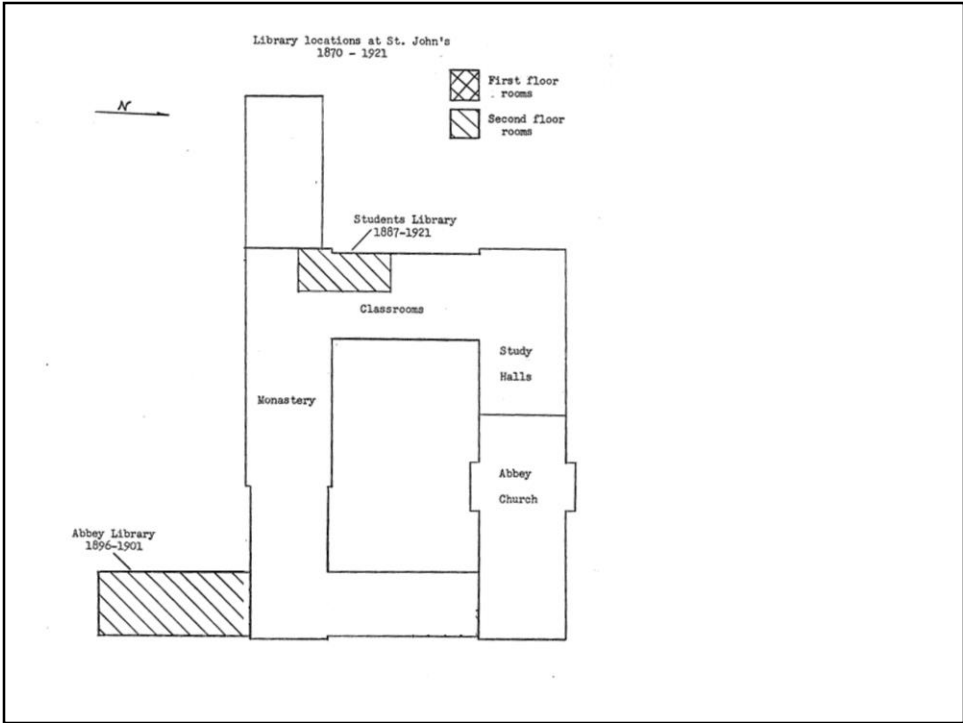


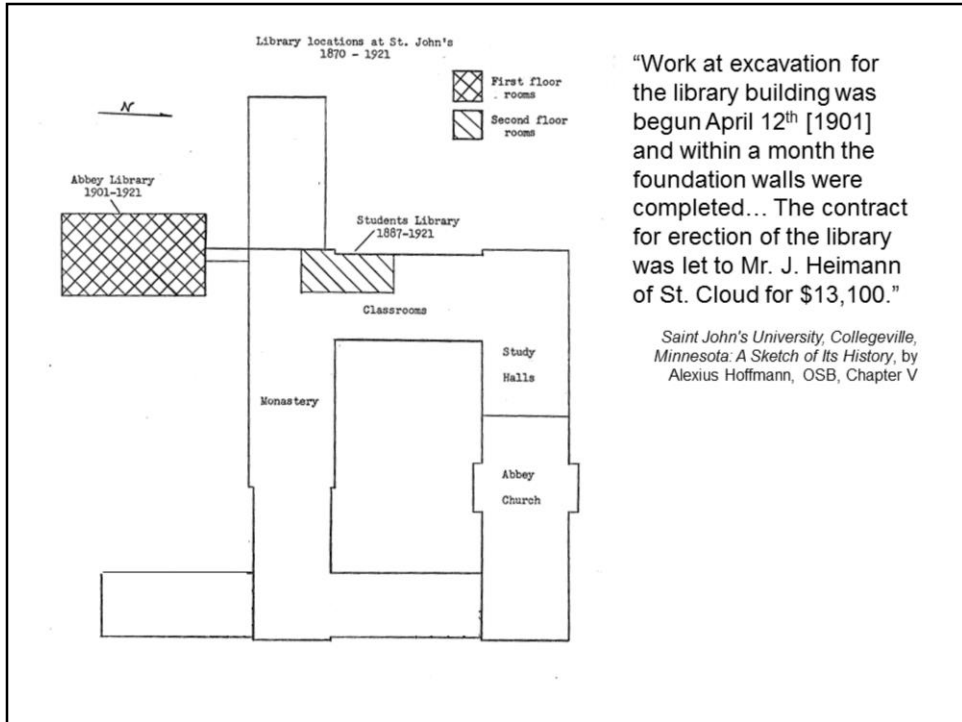
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Library locations at St. John's
1870 - 1921



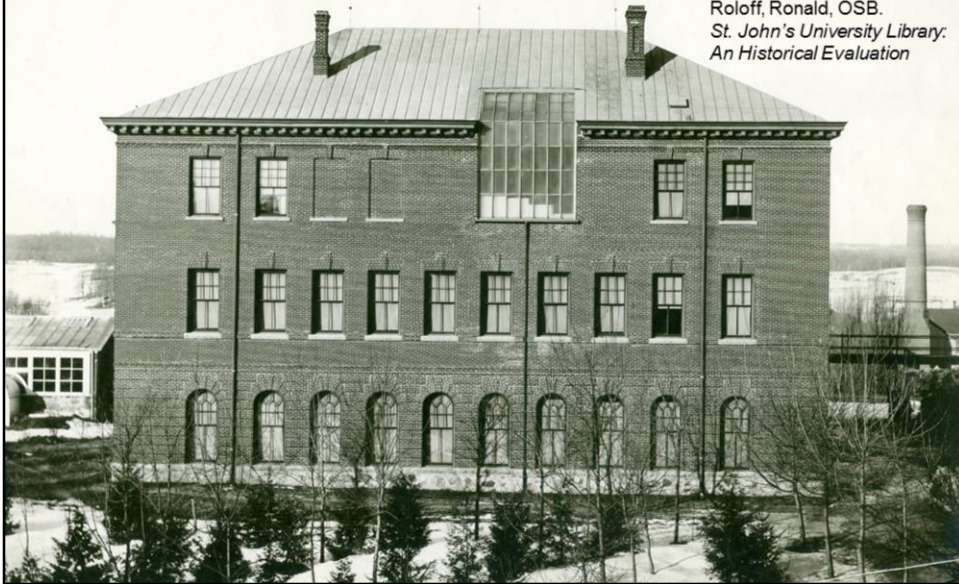


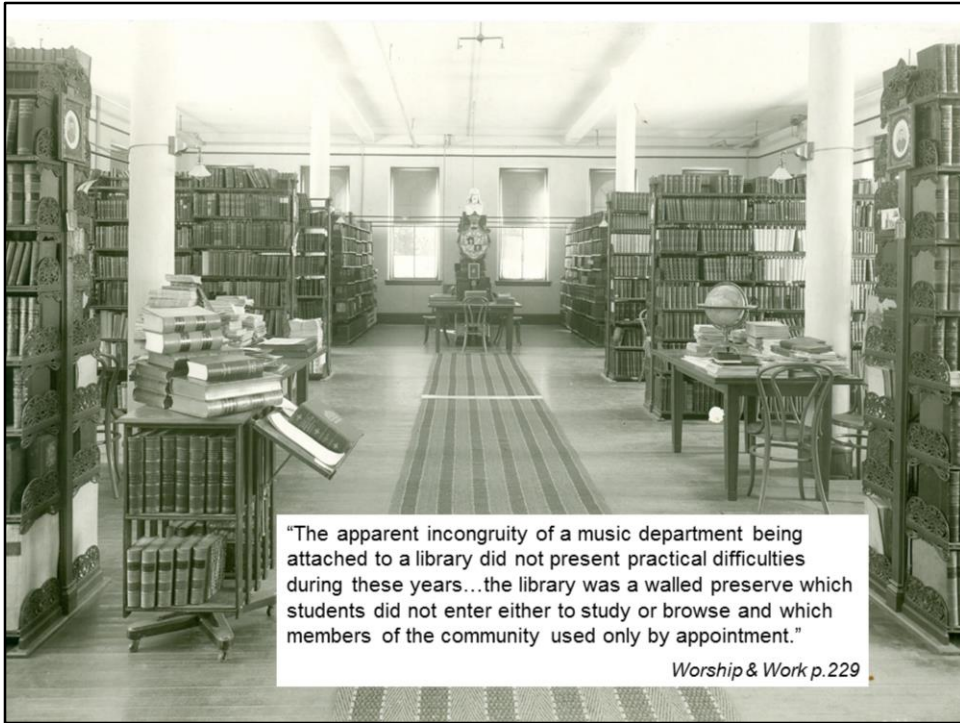




"On the ground floor is the abbey library, which now contains about 21,000 volumes; on the second floor is the museum with office and storeroom. On the third floor are the photograph gallery and twelve music rooms, each furnished with either a piano or an organ."

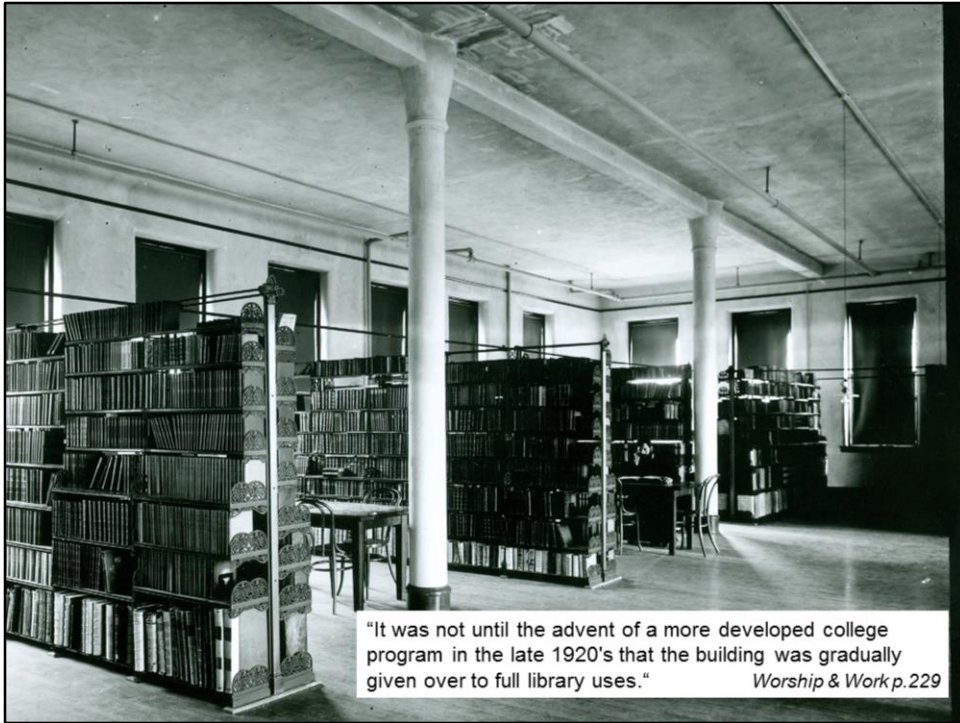
Roloff, Ronald, OSB.
*St. John's University Library:
An Historical Evaluation*





"The apparent incongruity of a music department being attached to a library did not present practical difficulties during these years...the library was a walled preserve which students did not enter either to study or browse and which members of the community used only by appointment."

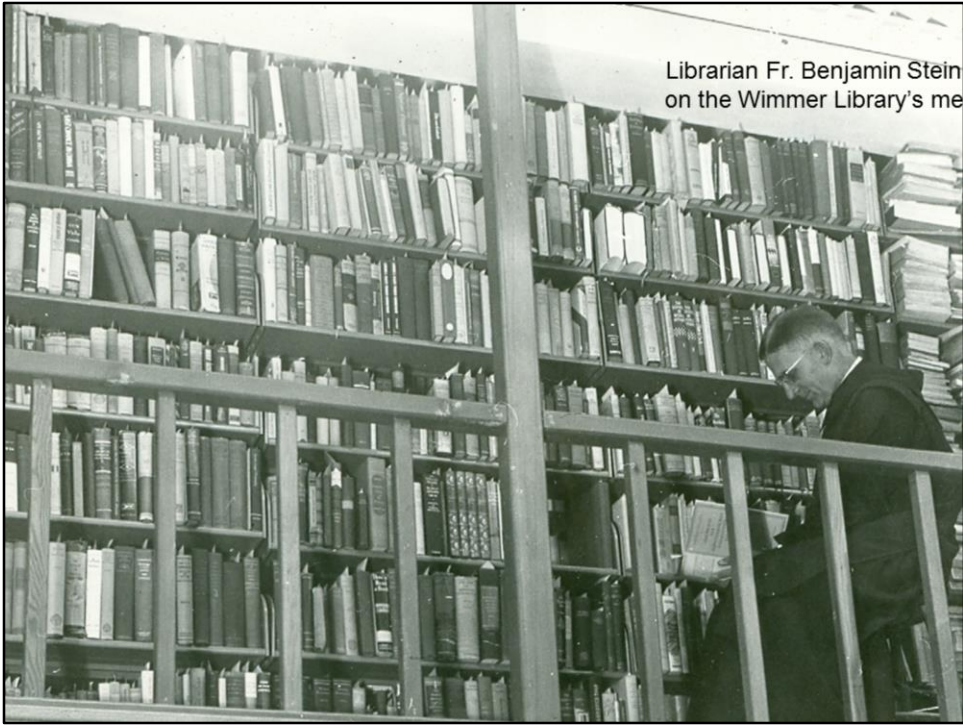
Worship & Work p.229



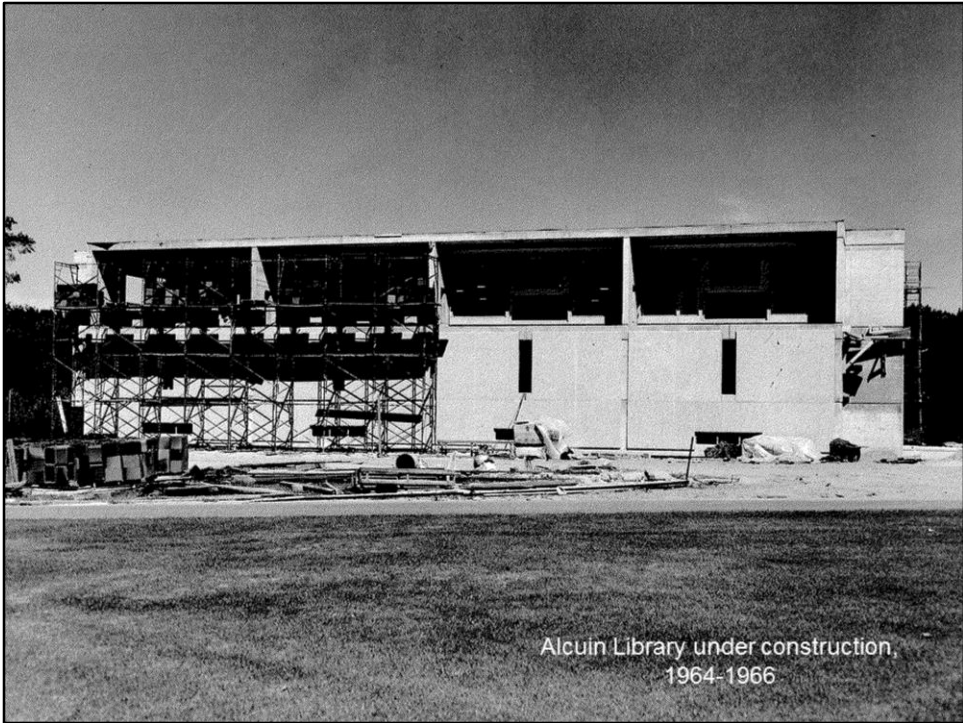
“It was not until the advent of a more developed college program in the late 1920's that the building was gradually given over to full library uses.” *Worship & Work p.229*



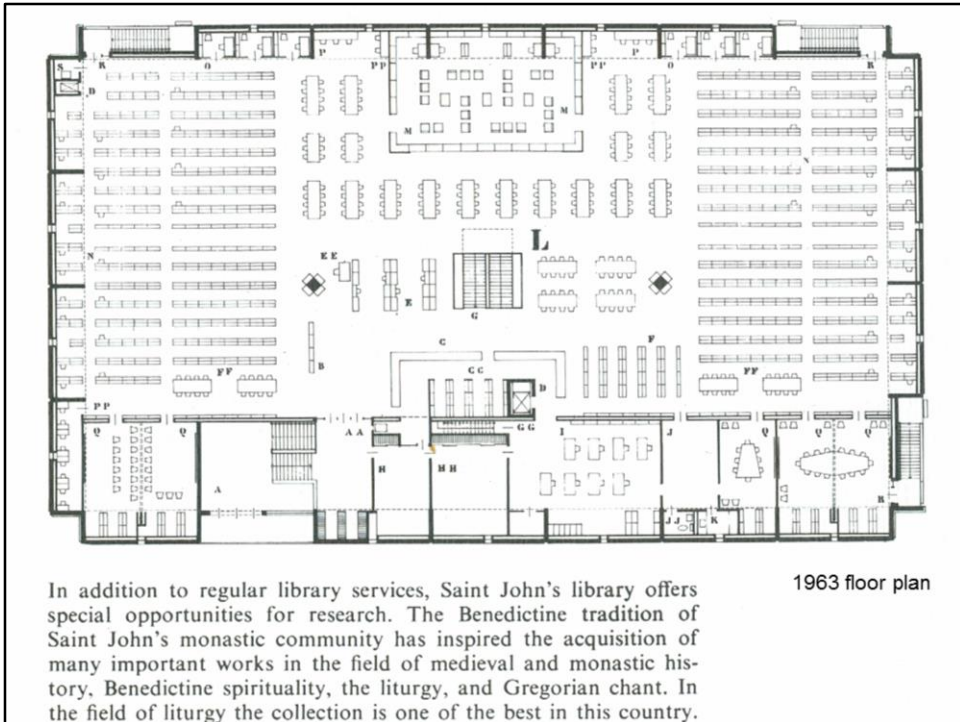


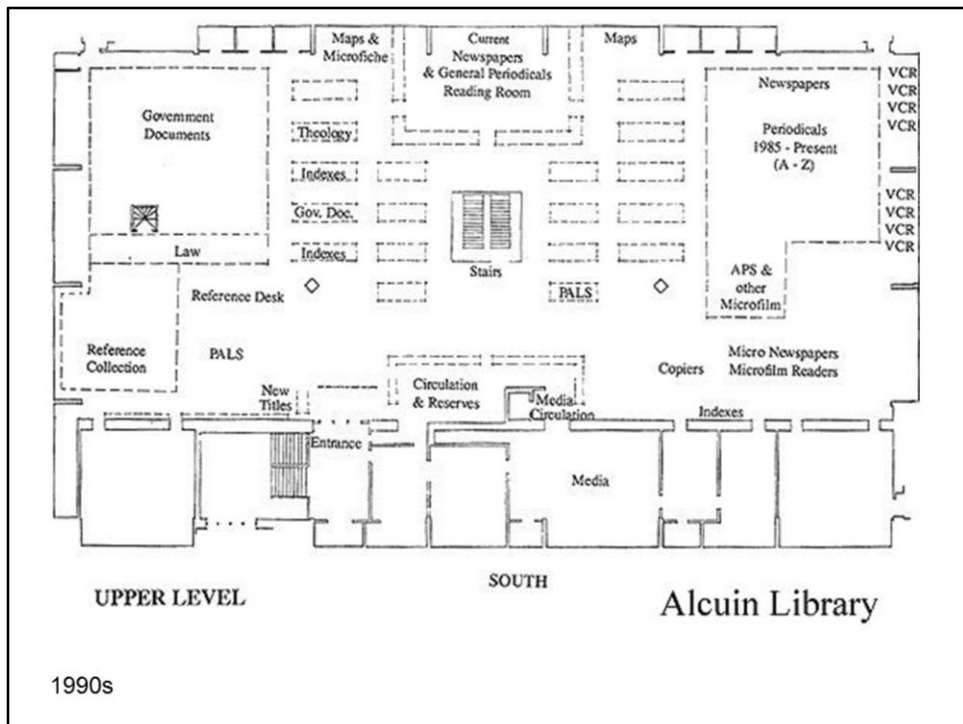


Librarian Fr. Benjamin Stein
on the Wimmer Library's me



Alcuin Library under construction,
1964-1966

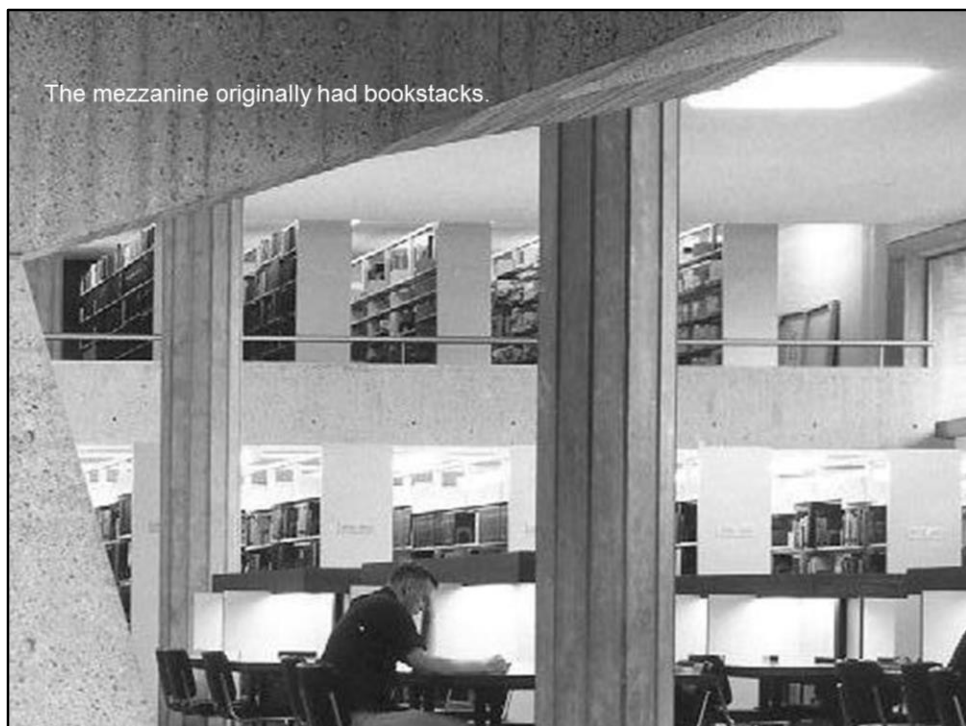


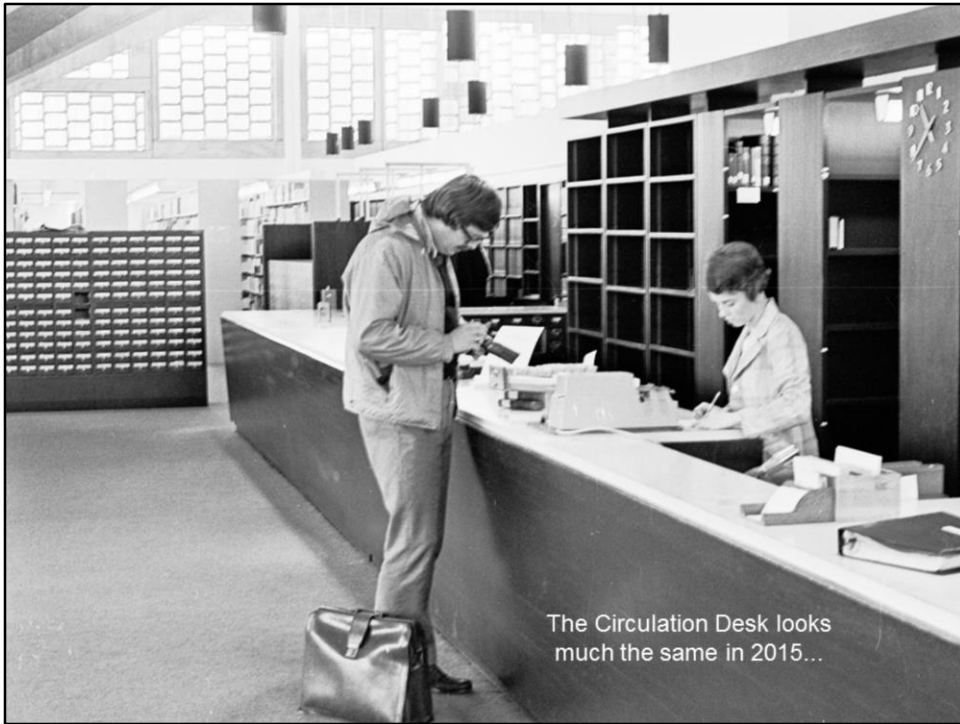






The mezzanine originally had bookstacks.





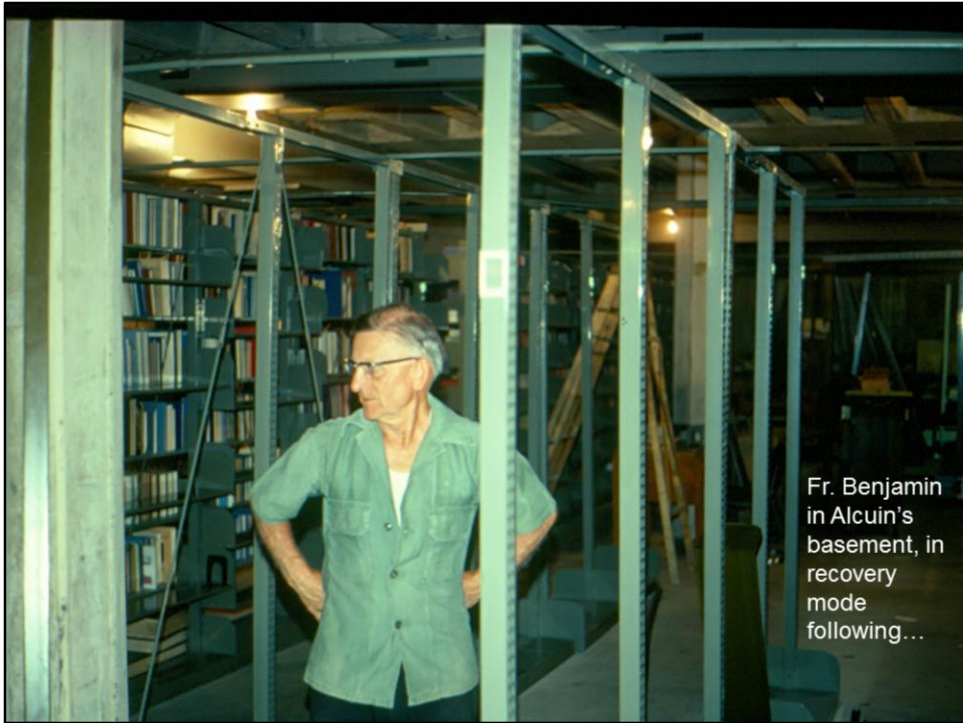
John Helgeland (Theology) and Ginny Clendenin



Br. Richard Oliver and Violetta Pintado, "the first staff member engaged jointly by CSB-SJU." 1968-09 Volume 03 Number 01 *Landmarks* p.3

<http://cdm.csbsju.edu/cdm/ref/collection/CSBArchives/id/6593>





Fr. Benjamin
in Alcuin's
basement, in
recovery
mode
following...

Fr. Benjamin Stein, OSB



...the
great 1976
Alcuin
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