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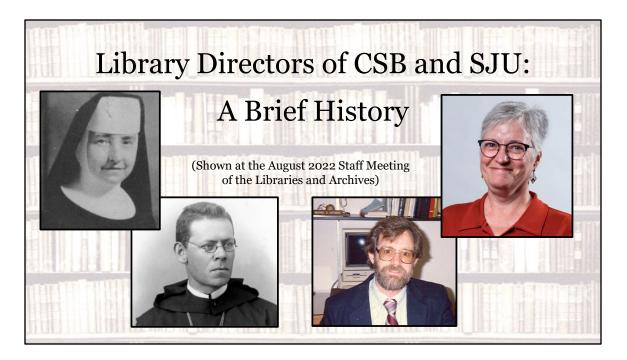
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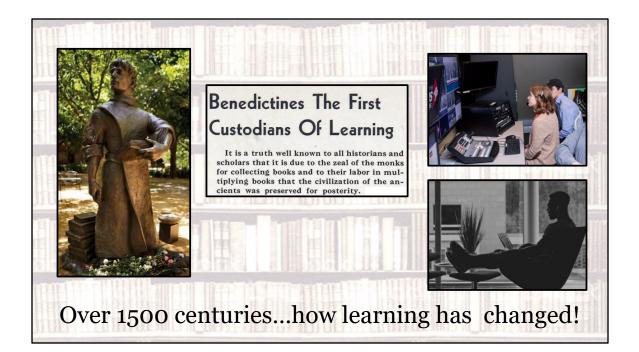


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Benedictines the first custodians of learning *The Record*, May 16, 1940, p. 2 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/u?/CSBArchNews,29061

Jeanette Roesch – 1947 Facula

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Libraries survived the Middle Ages thanks to Benedictines. And library directors have had to adapt to change.

Benedictines the first custodians of learning *The Record*, May 16, 1940, p. 2 http://cdm.csbsju.edu/u?/CSBArchNews,29061

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Library Directors	SJU	
Bernard Locnikar, OSB	1875-1879	
Urban Fischer, OSB	1879-1887	CSB Librarians
Francis Mershman, OSB	1887-1895	
Agatho Gehret, OSB	1895-1898	Sister Jeanette Roesch,1913-1916
Willibrord Mahowald, OSB	1898-1901	Sister Olivia Eagan, 1916-1930 Mary Wolney, 1930-1933
Bruno Doerfler, OSB	1901-1905	Mary Wolley, 1930-1933 Miss Widemeyer, 1933-1935
Alexius Hoffmann, OSB	1905-1922	Glendora Bell, 1935-1938
Basil Stegmann, OSB	1922-1927	Sister Henrita Osendorf, 1938-1943
Christopher Bayer, OSB	1927-1934	Sister Dominica, O.S.F., 1943-1944 (September-February) Sister Estelle Nordick, 1944 (February- June)
Oliver Kapsner, OSB	1934-1939	Sister Conchessa Keegan, 1944-1960
Benjamin Stein, OSB	1939-1967	Sister Imogene Blatz, 1960-1969
Ronald Roloff, OSB	1967-1969	1969-1973 (Director of CSB/SJU Libraries)
Sr. Imogene Blatz, OSB	1969-1973	Charles Schaffer, 1974-1977 (Librarian/Director of CSB Library) Ronald Frederick, 1977-1980 (Librarian/Director of CSB Library)
Michael D. Kathman	1973-1980	CSB/SJU Libraries Director
Library Directors of the CSB/SJU Joint Libraries, Media & Archives		Michael Kathmann, 1980-2006 (Librarian/Director of CSB/SJU Libraries and Media)
Michael D. Kathman	1980-2006	Kathleen Parker, 2006- (Director of the CSB/SJU Libraries, Med and Archives)
Kathy Parker	2006-2018	
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Library Directors of the CS	B/SJU Libraries & Archives	
Kathy Parker	2018-	15 total

Lists of SJU's and CSB's library directors are on the Archives' websites (under "History" and "Administrators"). Like faculty, they were mostly Benedictines in the beginning.

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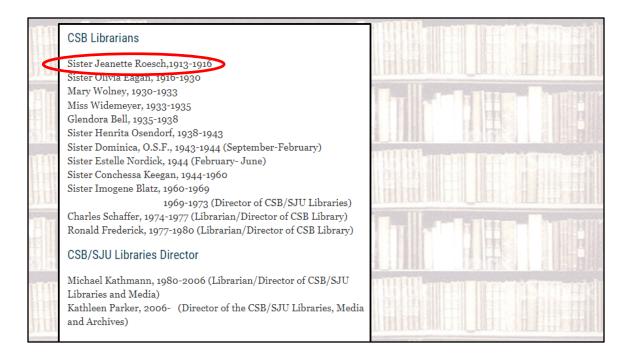
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	Basil Stegmann, OSB	1922-1927		
	Christopher Bayer, OSB	1927-1934	Fr. Alexius: 17 years	
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	Benjamin Stein, OSB	1939-1967	Fr. Benjamin: 28 years	
	Ronald Roloff, OSB	1967-1969		
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	Michael D. Kathman	1973-1980	Mike Kathman: 33 years	
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	Michael D. Kathman	1980-2006		
	Kathy Parker	2006-2018	Kathy (by 2023): 17 years	
	Library Directors of the CSB/SJU Libraries & Archives			
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If you look at the lists in terms of longevity, Mike Kathman is, so far, the longestserving library director, having served 7 years as SJU's director, and then another 26 as the director of both libraries, for a total of 33 years. Next in longevity is Fr. Benjamin, director for 28 years, then Fr. Alexius, for 17 years – for which, by the time she retires next summer, Kathy will have also served.

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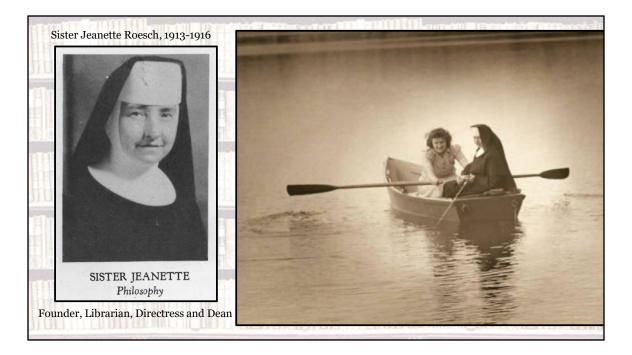
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Here's a quick run-down on the library directors of the past, beginning with CSB's.

CSB: https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-

archives/csbhistory/csbadministrators#LibraryDirectors



Sister Jeanette Roesch was one of the founders of CSB in 1913, and was its first dean and first librarian. Those of you here back when CSB celebrated its centennial may remember the photo on the right, a super-large, wall-sized version of which once graced the Gorecki Center – first upstairs, and then in the main dining room. Jeanette Roesch – 1947 *Facula*

https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/7344/rec/9 In boat: https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/6216/rec/3 "Undated. In this lovely image from the Saint Benedict's Monastery Archives, an early camera captured a student rowing while Sister Jeanette Roesch, one of the founders of the college and its first dean and librarian, tries her luck at fishing."

"Dean of the College from 1913-1925, Directress of College 1918-1921, Instructor of Education, Librarian 1913-1916, Foundress of the College, Professor of Philosophy" [quoted from Sisters List,

https://www.csbsju.edu/csb-archives/csbhistory/csbmiscellaneouslists/sisterslist]



Next came Sister Olivia Egan, who taught in the Indian Industrial School, in the high school (aka the Academy) and in the college. I found these excerpts mentioning her in the 1923 *College Days* publication, which was produced on campus but also sent out to St. Ben's alums – who referred to themselves and each other as "Old Girls." The second one reassures alumnae that Sister Olivia was still "chief among the favorite sisters."

Olivia Eagan (born 1865)

Photo:

<u>Sister Olivia Egan (one of the promoters of the college, librarian and teacher),</u> <u>hostessing a homecoming tea, St. Joseph, Minnesota - Minnesota Digital Library</u> (mndigital.org)

https://collection.mndigital.org/catalog/stbm:387#?c=&m=&s=&cv=&xywh=-457%2C-11%2C6664%2C3917

<u>1923 v.3 n.3 College Days Spring - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> Esther Nangle https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/10882/rec/6

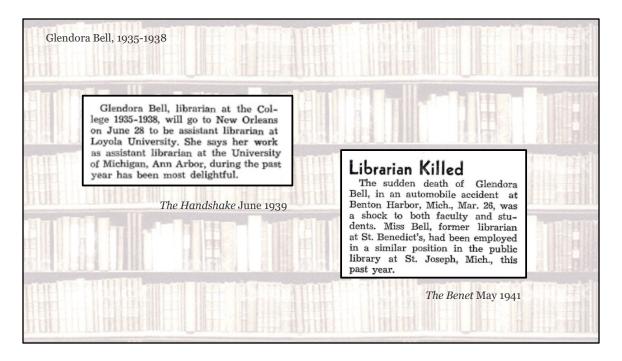
<u>1923 v.4 n.1 College Days Autumn - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> Julia Hilger https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/11058/rec/7



The next library director was Mary Wolney, the first non-Benedictine librarian for St. Ben's. This photo of her at Homecoming – noting her prize-winning attendance at the annual event – shows her several years after she'd left the position. *The Handshake* was an early alumnae magazine.

Mary Wolney p. 4 The Handshake June 1939

<u>1939-06 The Handshake Volume 04 Number 04 - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/1688/rec/18

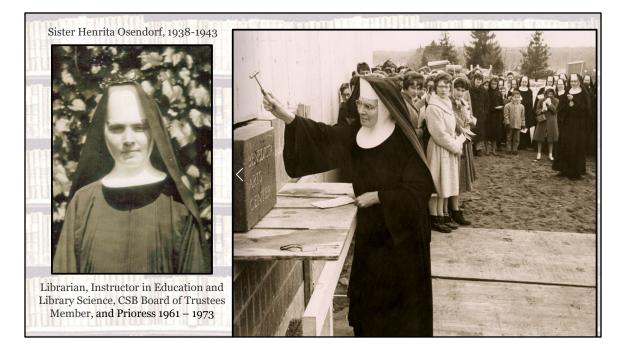


A "Miss Widemeyer" was the next librarian, but we have no information about her. She was replaced in 1935 by Glendora Bell, about whom we don't know much more, and for whom I found no photo, but this notice about her departure for Loyola in New Orleans appeared in *The Handshake*. A second mention, in the succeeding publication called *The Benet*, noted her sudden death in a car crash in Michigan in 1941.

Departure: <u>1939-06 The Handshake Volume 04 Number 04 - CSB Archives - Vivarium</u> (csbsju.edu)

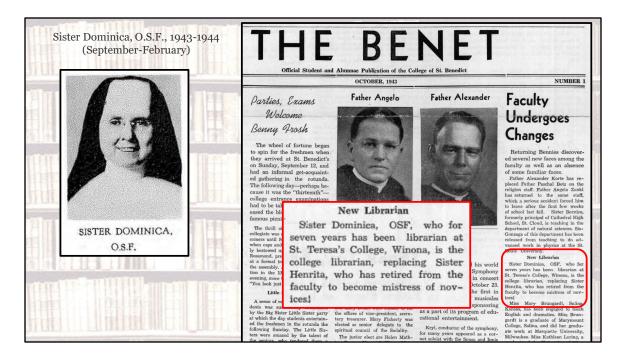
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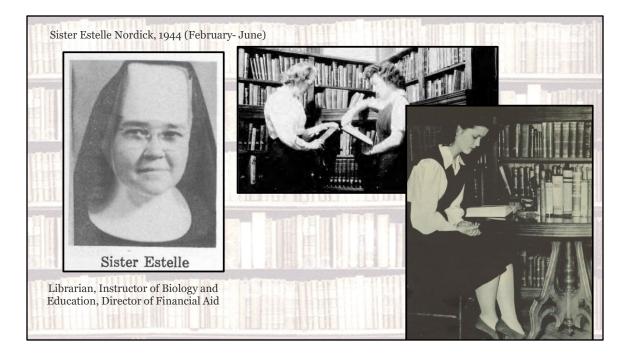
Next up was Sister Henrita Osendorf – later Mother Henrita, that is, she became the Prioress (or "Mother Superior") of the Monastery. Mother Henrita, shown here blessing the cornerstone of the under-construction Benedicta Art Center, which some of you may know only as the "BAC" is herself the namesake of the Henrita Academic Building, which many know only as the "HAB."

O:\Archives\csbarchives\Photos\People\Sisters - OSB\Osendorf, Henrita OSB "Librarian 1938-1943, Instructor in Education, Instructor of Library Science, CSB Board of Trustees Member 1961-1981" and Prioress 1961 – 1973



I couldn't even turn up a last name for Sister Dominica, who only stayed as library director six months in the 1940s She was a Franciscan from St. Teresa's college in Winona. Ironically, decades later, St. Teresa's College would close, and several thousands of its books would be added to the new and spacious Clemens Library at St. Ben's.

<u>1944 Facula - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> p. 15 https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3215/rec/23 <u>1943-10 The Benet Volume 09 Number 01 - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/1713/rec/22



Sister Estelle Nordick's term as library director was even shorter than Sister Dominica's –about five months. She wore other hats on campus, though, teaching courses in biology and education, and eventually serving as CSB's Director of Financial Aid.

1943 *Facula* https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/7874/rec/5 1944 *Facula* p. 51

https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3233/rec/6 https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3269/rec/62 1945 *Facula*, p. 14 (student at small table)

"Librarian 1944 (February-June), Instructor of Biology, Instructor in Education, Instructor in Secondary Education, Director of Financial Aid 1967-1971"



Besides running the library in the 1940s and 50s, Sister Conchessa also taught Education and Library Science courses. I hope all of you recognize the old CSB library, now known as the TRC.

Facula https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/7874/rec/5 1944 *Facula* p. 51

https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3267/rec/7 "Librarian 1946-1962, Instructor in Education, Instructor of Library Science, Board of Trustees Member 1964-1965, 1967-1968"

https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/11885/rec/77 1949 Facula, p. 80 (ref desk and students at tables with fireplace in background)

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And that brings us to someone to be reckoned with, Sister Imogene Blatz. She served as CSB's library director in the 1960s, then did double-duty as director for both CSB and SJU for four years – though the two libraries remained separate entities. This page of *The Record*, with a feature article about the SJU library when Sister Imogene was its director, turns up a lot in diversity searches, since it shares the page with an ad for a rally for civil rights activist Angela Davis.

1960 Facula p. 12

https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/13262/rec/22 "Librarian 1960-1969, Director of CSB/SJU Libraries 1969-1973, Instructor of Elementary Education, Assistant Librarian 1955-1960":



Like any good effort at public relations, when given the opportunity, Sister Imogene shared with The *Record* reporter the impressive statistics for the library – including the number of books, microfilm reels and microfiche, periodicals, and government documents. She also notes how short-staffed the library is, as they worked to convert from Dewey to the LC system, but wants students to know – as do we all! – that the library staff are eager to help students.

Imogene Blatz – 1960 Facula p. 12

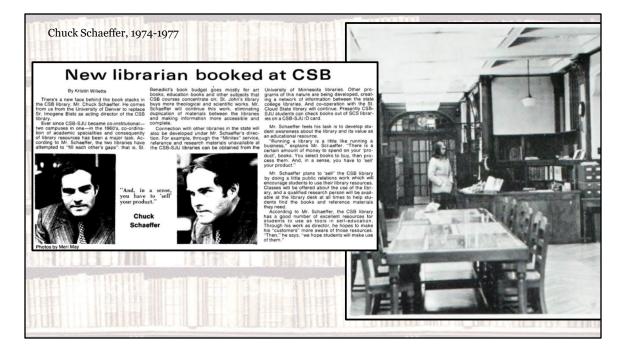
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She also mentions the availability of a map collection in the basement – where "Mrs. Roske is always willing to help anyone who comes down." ;-) (And no, that's not me she's talking about. I've been in Alcuin's basement a long time, but not THAT long. She's referring to my mother-in-law, who worked in the library before her son and I started college.) But the headline results when the *Record* reporter asks Sister Imogene about the building, and Imogene has to admit that there are pans of standing water, wet rugs, and until the roof gets replaced, "it's just like a swamp" in Alcuin. (It was many years before this problem was finally resolved, right, Bev?) There have been times when that "swamp" expression has applied to the CSB Archives in the basement of Corona Hall...!

Imogene Blatz – 1960 Facula p. 12

https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/13262/rec/22 "Librarian 1960-1969, Director of CSB/SJU Libraries 1969-1973, Instructor of Elementary Education, Assistant Librarian 1955-1960":



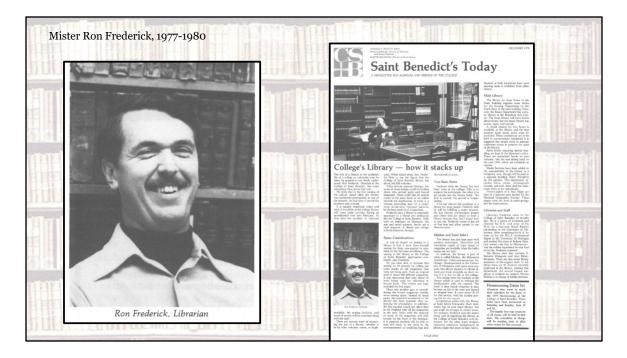
When Sister Imogene's term as CSB's library director ended, the first non-sister in the position since the 1930s came on board in 1974. Like CSB's president at the time, Stan Idzerda, Chuck Schaeffer was both a lay person and the first male in the role. His stated goals were to increase pubic awareness of the library, eliminate duplication between the two libraries, do more to instruct students on the use of the library, and make staff more available. (Sound familiar?) Chuck Schaeffer article:

<u>1974-02-21, Vitae (College of Saint Benedict) - CSB-SJU Student Newspapers -</u> Vivarium (csbsju.edu) p.3

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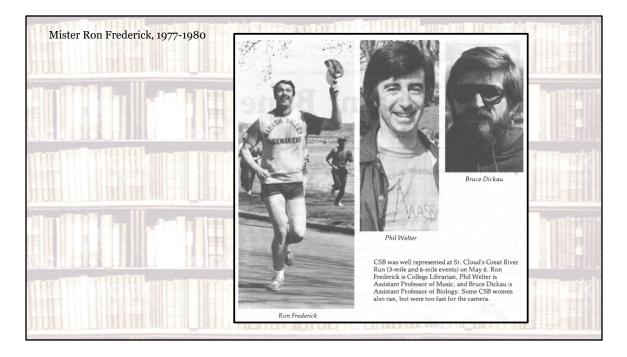
<u>1971-03-11, The Torch (College of Saint Benedict) - CSB-SJU Student Newspapers -</u> <u>Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u>

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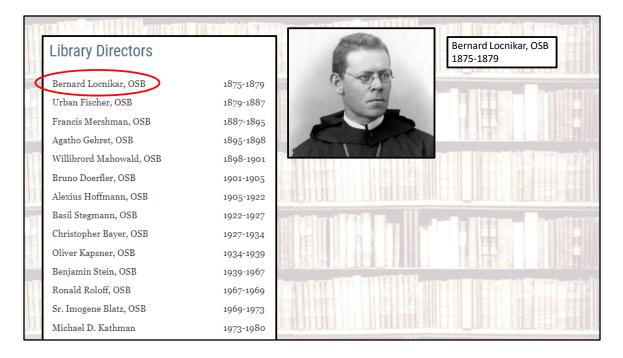
When Ron Frederick became director in 1977, one of his first tasks was to collect the information needed for re-accreditation. This article in the St. Ben's alum magazine states that "the library has kept pace with modern techniques" by offering microfilm and fiche and by using a teletype machine to transmit book loan requests to something called the "Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange," which you know better nowadays as Minitex. The library staff included Sister Stefanie Weisgram, and Norma Dickau was in Media Services, which operates out of a separate building, St. Wendel Hall (previously the sisters' butcher shop). And there were 37 student employees in the library.

<u>1978-12 Saint Benedict's Today December - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3862/rec/2



(I just had to include this photo feature from the alumnae magazine showing three participants in a St. Cloud running event – library director Ron Frederick, choral music director Phil Welter, and biology prof Bruce Dickau. The caption says "Some CSB women also ran, but were too fast for the camera.") Ron's term as director ended in 1980, but he stayed here – in charge of database searching and other public services – until 1982.

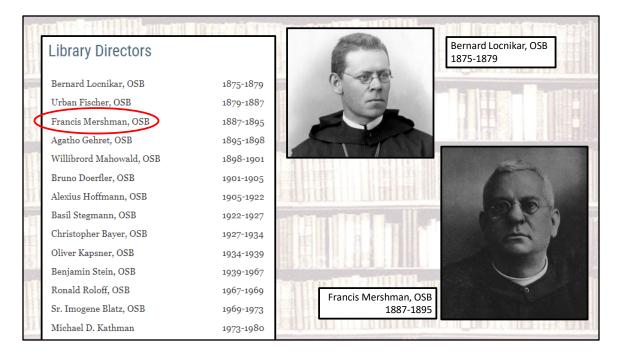
<u>1978-06 Saint Benedict's Today June - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> p.6 https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3869/rec/1



Switching back to *SJU*'s library history, I'm not going to say much about some of the earlier ones, some of whom I do not have images of. (For eight of the first nine, this slide show is incomplete except for their dates and photos.) But for the first one, Bernard Locnikar, I have a photo – not because of his library role, but because he became the Abbey's second abbot.

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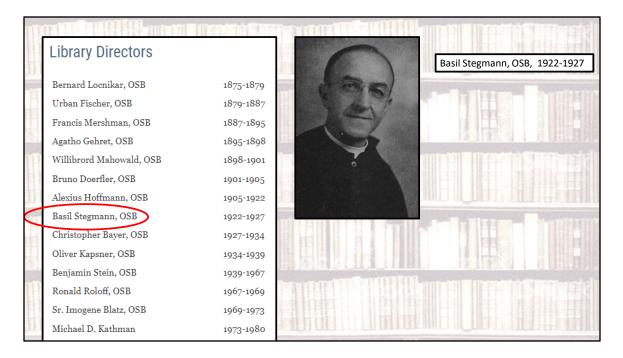
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For the third one, Fr. Francis Mershman, this wonderful portrait was published in a thesis documenting the library's history.

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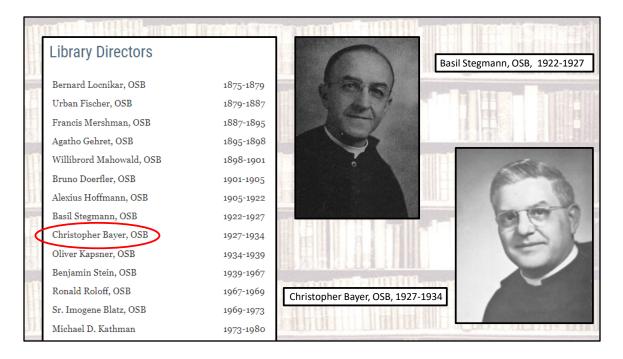
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Likewise this photo of Fr. Basil Stegmann, library director in the 1920s, and Fr. Christopher Bayer, who replaced him.

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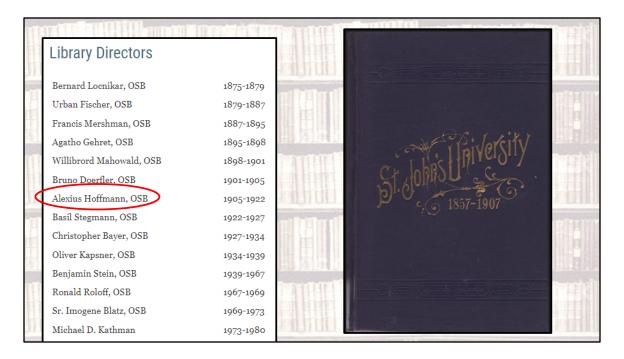


I have a now-elderly friend who grew up on the campus who has many fond memories of childhood days playing and reading in the library – then in Wimmer Hall – with Fr. Christopher allowing her to read so many books and spend hours in the library.

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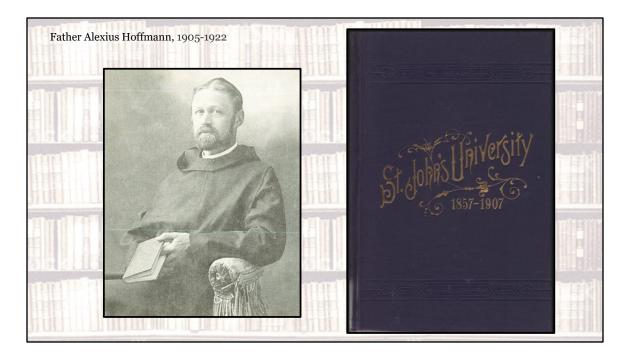
Bayer: https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/SJUArchives/id/36271/rec/45 1962 Sagatagan p.26



For the remaining ones I have more to share. Before Fathers Christopher and Basil, there was a librarian you may have heard me talk about before: Fr. Alexius Hoffmann. He wrote a book that I reference a lot – a book on the first 50 years of St. John's.

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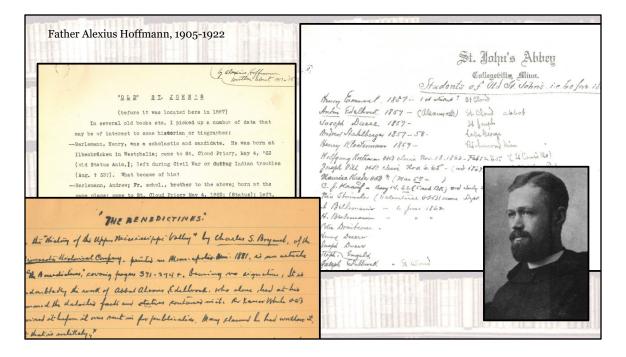
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Here Alexius is pictured, appropriately enough, with a book in his hand. He was in charge of the library, yes, but more importantly to me and to posterity, he was the Abbey's chronicler. He, more than anyone else, was the one who wrote down St. John's early history – sometimes in retrospect, but often times as he lived it himself.

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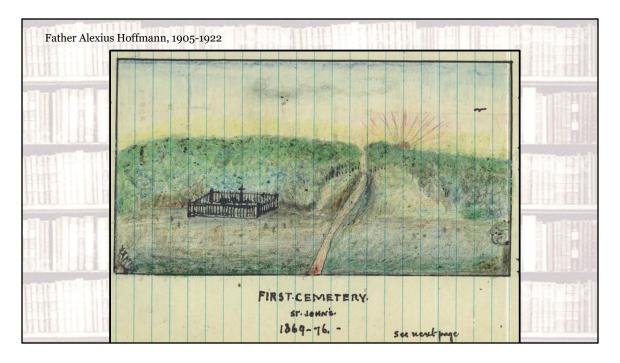
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Almost to a fault...because sometimes his writing for one purpose or in one document contradicts something he wrote in another. Here is a sampling of some of what's in the Archives by Fr. Alexius.

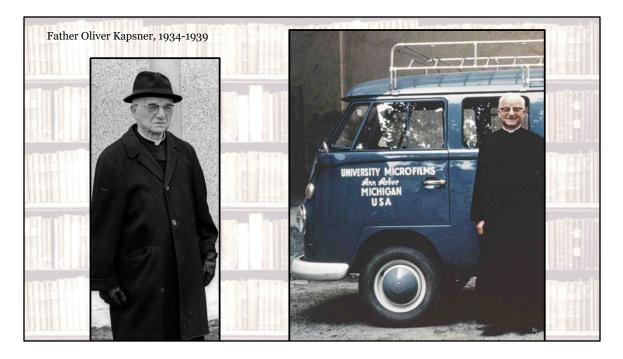
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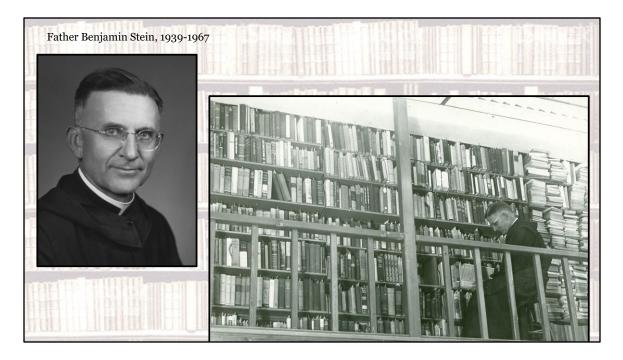
I have also used his sketches and hand-drawn maps in presentations – often what he was documenting was something that pre-dated photography.

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Fr. Oliver Kapsner was the library director after Fathers Alexius, Basil and Christopher. Fr. Oliver was still around in my earlier days in the library, and this photo shows him petty much as I recall him in Alcuin. He would sometimes take exception to new developments, or to mis-filings in the card catalog. I learned later that he wrote the book – literally – on Catholic Subject Headings, used in library card catalogs all over the world. This photo was taken at the groundbreaking for HMML, to be added, underground, next to Alcuin library. The other photo, from his younger days, is more fun, reflecting his major role in starting HMML's effort to microfilm manuscripts, first in Austria and Germany, and ultimately all over the world.

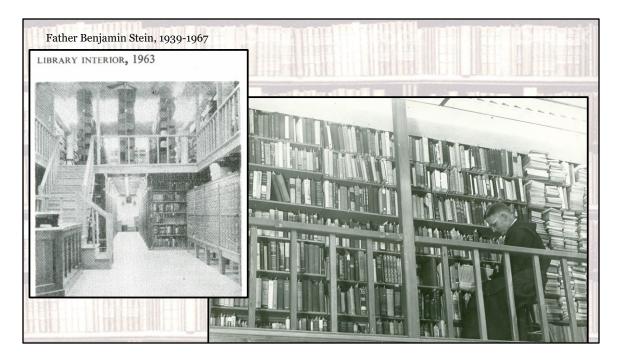
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Next came Fr. Benjamin Stein, a man of small stature from a large Cold Spring family, but whose impact on the library is still felt today. Maybe you've seen the initials "BJS" on old shelf list catalog cards, still serving as scratch cards here and there (including in the Archives). O:\Archives\SJUArchives\Images\Ascheman Coll.historical photos\SJA Scanned photos 2005 from Reinhart disk\Avon Pastors\Benjamin Stein

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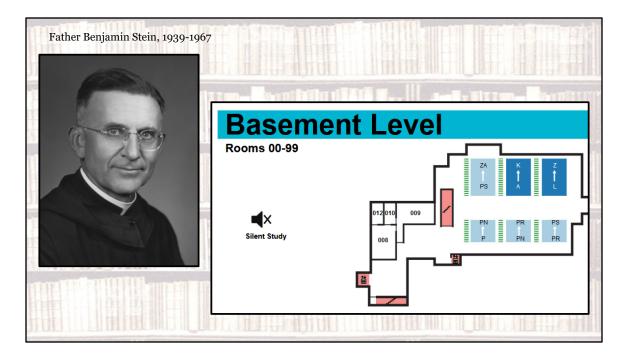


Or maybe you work on Alcuin's mezzanine – as Benjamin did later, switching to cataloger after he was the director – and seen here working on the mezzanine of the library when it was in Wimmer Hall.

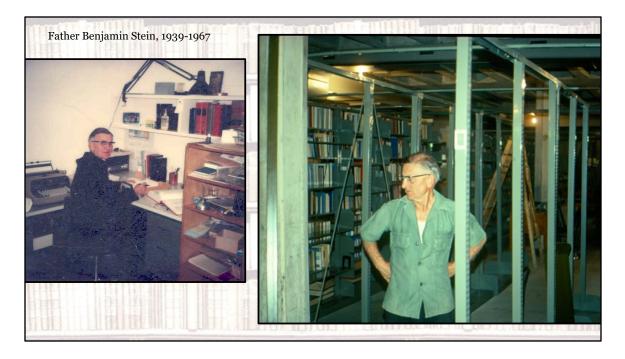
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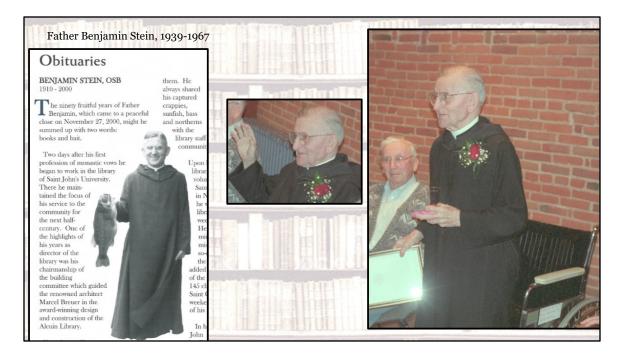
It was library director Fr. Benjamin who made the case for building a new library, and who was involved in planning, fundraising, publicity, and dealing with the architects when Alcuin library was built. Did you know that Alcuin wasn't supposed to have a basement level? Fr. Benjamin made the case for digging the planned crawl space several feet deeper and gaining all that extra space. It was a big empty room at first, but it wasn't long before it proved essential.



Here's Fr. Benjamin as I remember him best – at his desk in the cataloging office on the mezzanine – and another showing him in the basement.

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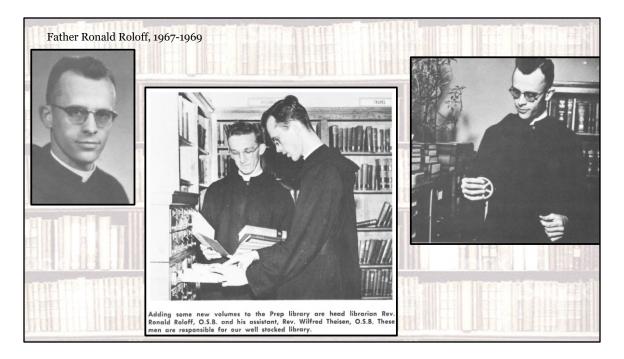


Benjamin had a quiet, fun sense of humor; he usually had a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes. He had some distain for staff meetings; when the Benjamin Stein conference room was dedicated in his honor in 2005, he joked about the irony of a meeting room named after him, and supposed that it might come to be called the "BS Room." He also loved to fish, and the library staff sometimes enjoyed a fish fry lunch he would fix.

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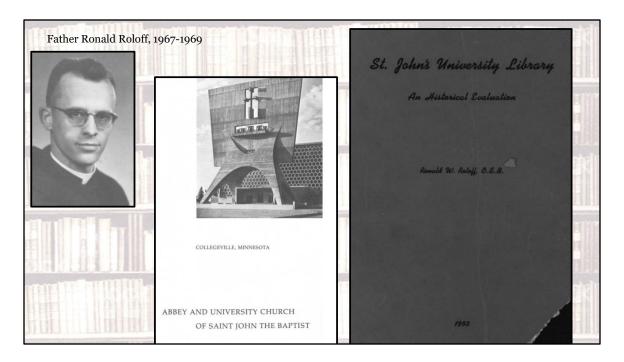


Fr. Ronald Roloff, who eventually left the monastery, was the next director, for two years. He's seen here with a very young Fr. Wilfred (who is still with us, as you know), and with a reel of film.

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I am grateful to Fr. Ronald for documenting the library's history in his 1953 thesis. He also wrote a booklet about the Abbey church.

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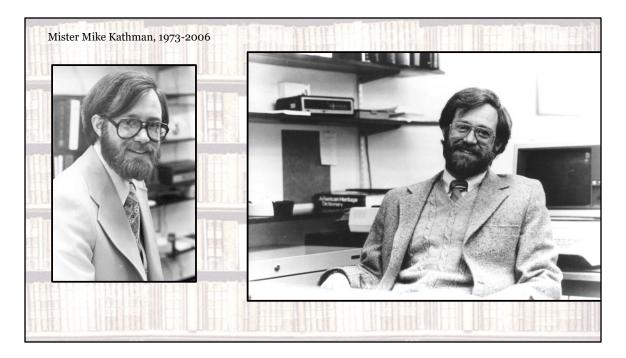
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Now Sister Imogene puts in a repeat appearance. After Fr. Ronald, she became the director for St. John's library while continuing to serve as the CSB library director – the first joint director, at a time when other departments, academic and otherwise, were also starting to combine forces.

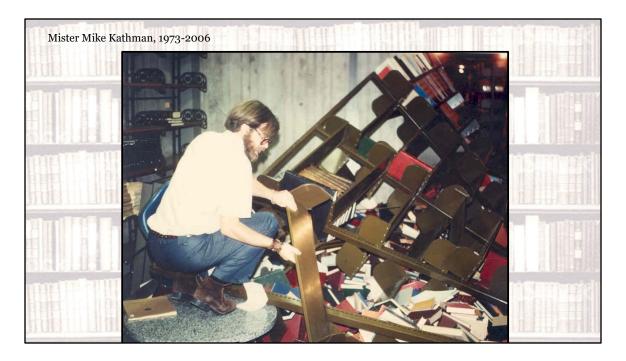
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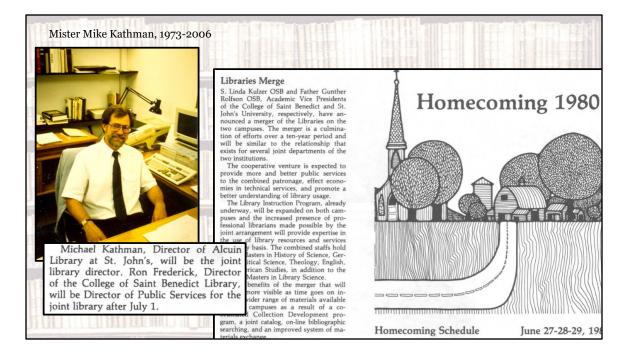
Mike Kathman came first as a librarian, then took over as director of Alcuin Library when Sister Imogene went on to other things.

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Here's Mike doing some director-ly assessment of the damages from the great 1976 stacks disaster, when heavy periodicals were removed from only one side of a stack, which then fell into the one behind it, and on through the basement, with stacks falling like dominoes.

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The libraries went "joint" in 1980. When intra-institutional cooperation took full effect at the libraries, Mike was chosen to become the director of both places. Ron Frederick, director at CSB, became the Director of Public Services for both. (Note the computer at Mike's desk. It was in the early 1980s that the library got the first personal computer – an Apple IIe.)

<u>1980-05 Saint Benedict's Today May - CSB Archives - Vivarium (csbsju.edu)</u> p.4 https://cdm.csbsju.edu/digital/collection/CSBArchives/id/3939/rec/3



By the late 1980s, Mike was overseeing a library staff of 30-something, and had instituted the practice of having annual full staff meetings, usually in August. (And I instituted the practice of having a staff photo taken. Usually Mike and Jim Parsons, the tallest among us, are in the back.) Brothers Paul Jasmer and David Klingeman are still around, though no longer on the library staff... O:\Library\Library\Staff Photos - sp\1988 Full Staff Meeting

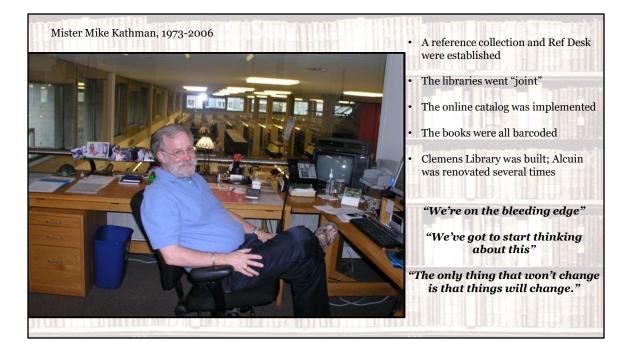


Now it's just Bev and me who are still here, lo these many years later! O:\Library\Library\Staff Photos - sp\1988 Full Staff Meeting



Mike's staff got even bigger in the early 1990s, because other responsibilities – as director of academic computing services – were added to his library director position. We had joint staff meetings and workshops with the IT staff, with all of us working toward the same goals of educating and helping students.

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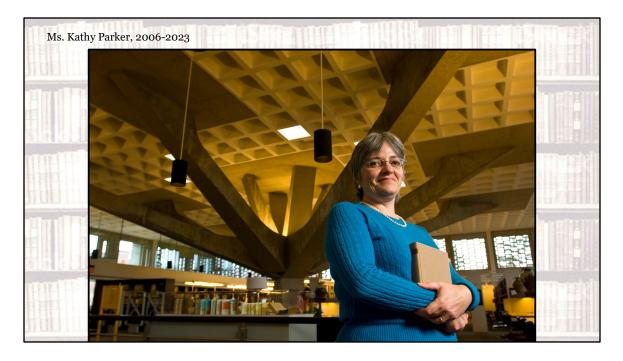
Here's a photo I took of Mike in his mezzanine office before he retired, and a list of his accomplishments. Those of you who worked under Mike will recall – maybe with fondness, maybe not! – a few of his well-known sayings:

"We're on the bleeding edge"

"We've got to start thinking about this" and

"The only thing that won't change is that things will change."

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Which brings us to the present, and to Kathy, our current – but outgoing – director. Isn't this a great photo, of Kathy in Alcuin, pre-renovation? She's captained the ship with a steady hand and with a clear eye to the libraries' past, present and future... O:\Library\Library\Staff Photos – sp\Kathy Parker under Alcuin's Tree.jpg



...always looking for fun community-building things the staff can do along the way. O:\Library\Library\Staff Photos - sp\United Way Day of Caring\2017

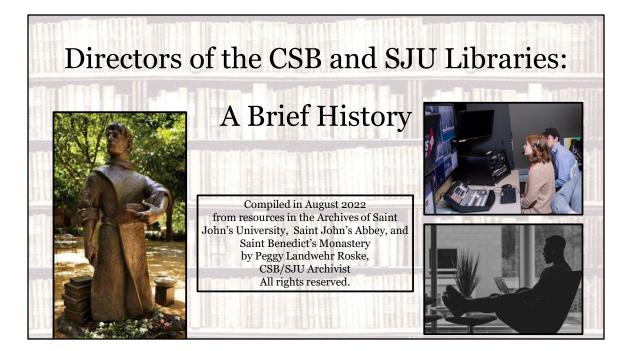


...and with a willingness to serve in whatever capacity might be needed, including posing for promotional photos and serving food on the terrace. She has shepherded us through ever-changing technology, through the pandemic, and now through "strong integration," program reductions, and who knows what else may await us this year! She's been a great advocate for the libraries, media services, instructional technology – and the archives. Maybe you'd all like to join me in a round of applause?

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