

History of the Library at Thiel College





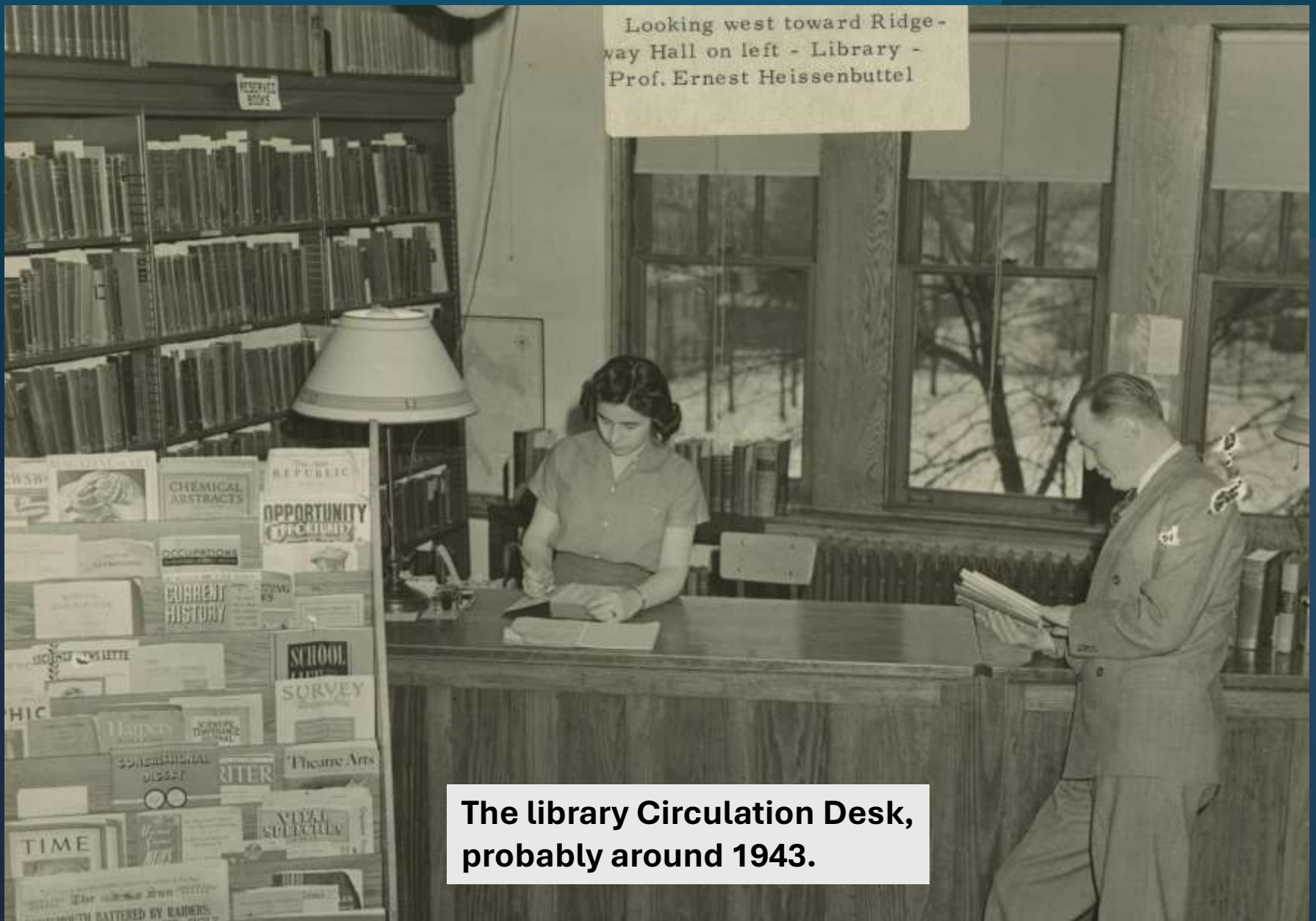
“When Greenville Hall was opened in 1874, one room was reserved for the library...” – from *The History of Thiel College*.



Later, the library was moved to the second floor of Roth Hall.

THIEL LIBRARY - second floor Roth hall

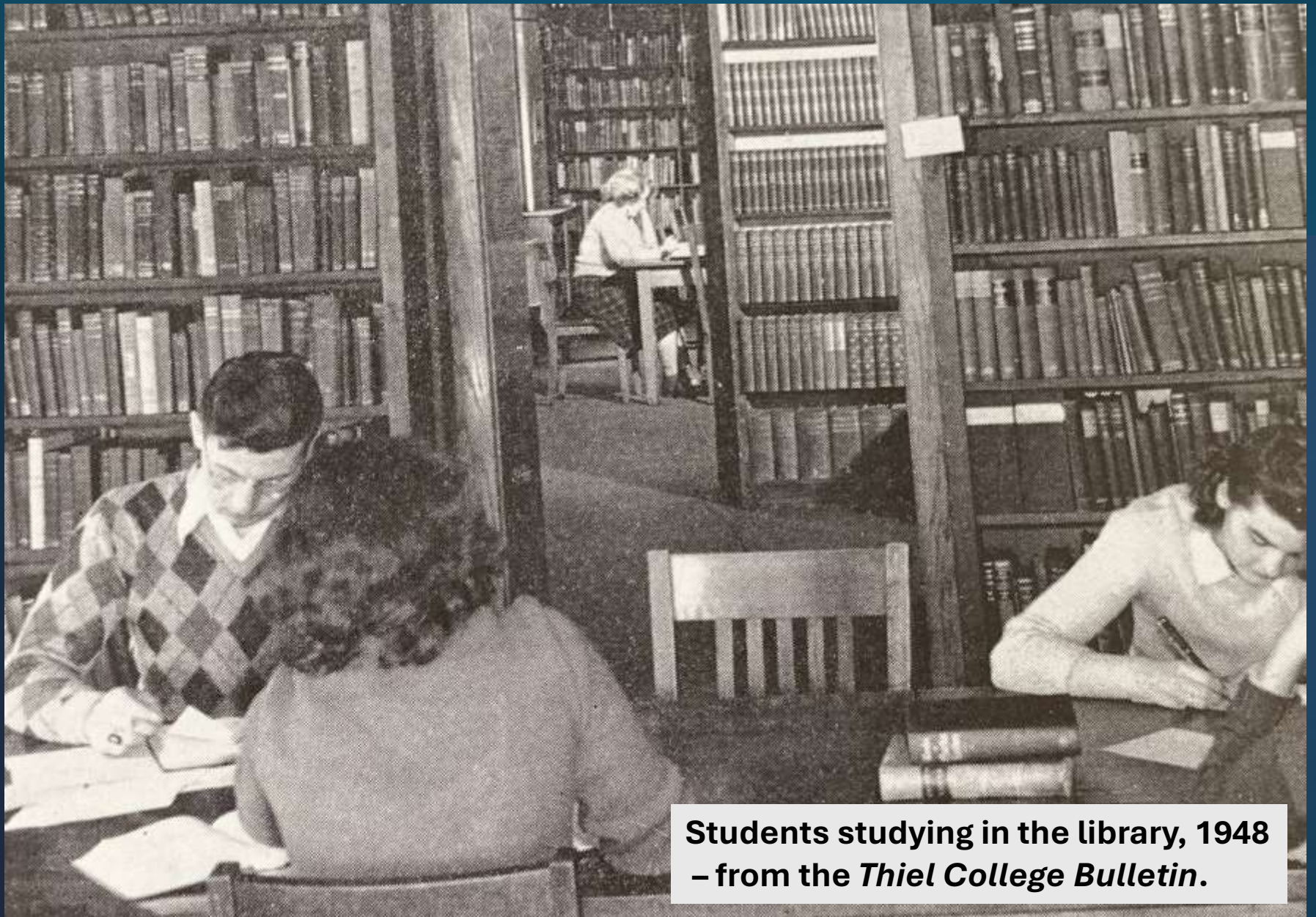
Looking west toward Ridge-
way Hall on left - Library -
Prof. Ernest Heissenbuttel



**The library Circulation Desk,
probably around 1943.**



**Using the card catalog, 1948
– from the *Thiel College Bulletin*.**



**Students studying in the library, 1948
– from the *Thiel College Bulletin*.**

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THIEL COLLEGE LIBRARY
GREENVILLE, PA.

Thiel College, Greenville, Pa., October 6, 1948

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OF WOMEN

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Miss McGarvey.

SISTERS GIVE \$200,000 FOR NEW THIEL LIBRARY

July Gift Is Memorial To Parents; Building Will Fill Definite Need

Thiel has received a \$200,000 annuity gift for a Memorial Library! The donors were the Misses Flora and Gertrude Langenheim of Trinity Church, North Side, Pittsburgh, who, acting on the suggestion of Dr. H. Reed Shepfer, President of the Pittsburgh Synod, presented the gift last year.

It will be a memorial to their parents, Mr. Gustav Christian David Langenheim and Minna Theresa

Schwerd Langenheim. In making the gift, Miss Gertrude Langenheim said, "After visiting Thiel we realized how much you need this library now."

The combination library and auditorium will be a part of the twelve year, million dollar expansion program adopted last year. The gift meets more than one-half of the estimated cost of the building, which has been set at \$350,000 to \$400,000.

Although two different plans have been submitted by the architects, no definite decisions as to exact location and architectural de-

In 1948, Flora and Gertrude Langenheim gave the funds to build a new library building in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gustav Langenheim.

The new building was dedicated in 1952.



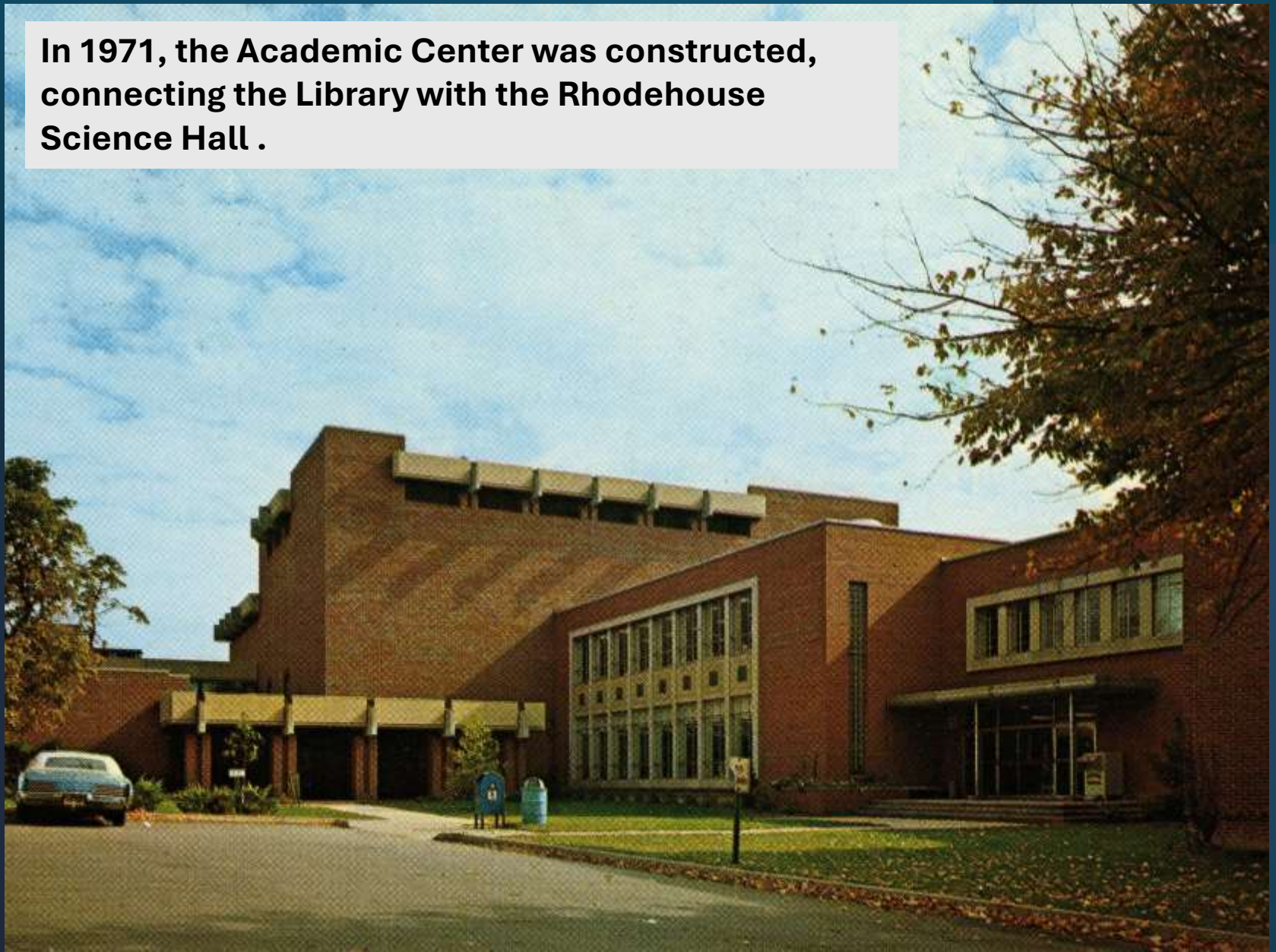


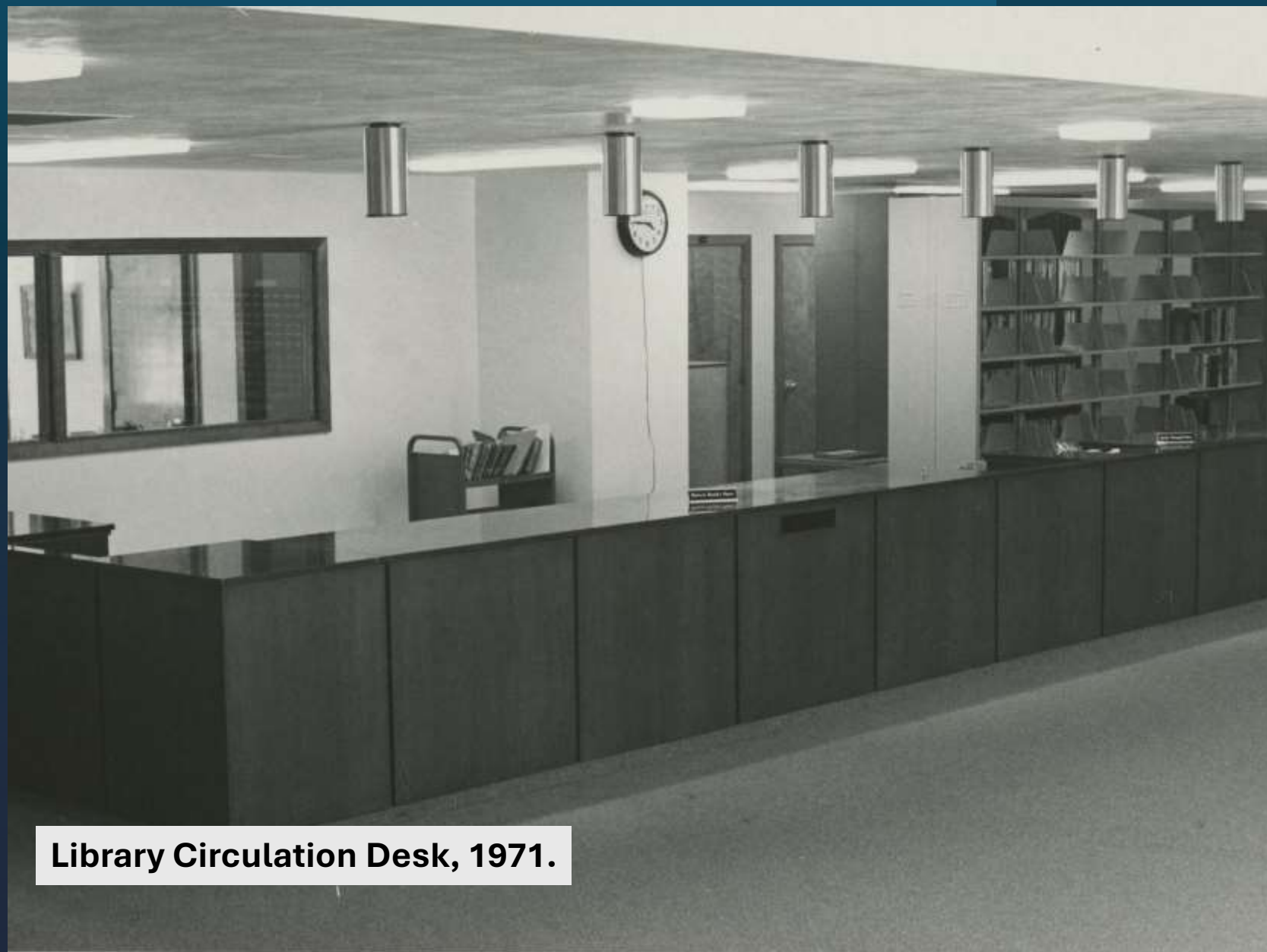
In 1963, Congressman Carroll Kearns (left) was instrumental in having the library designated as a Federal Deposit Library for government documents.



Students studying in the library, 1964.

In 1971, the Academic Center was constructed, connecting the Library with the Rhodehouse Science Hall .





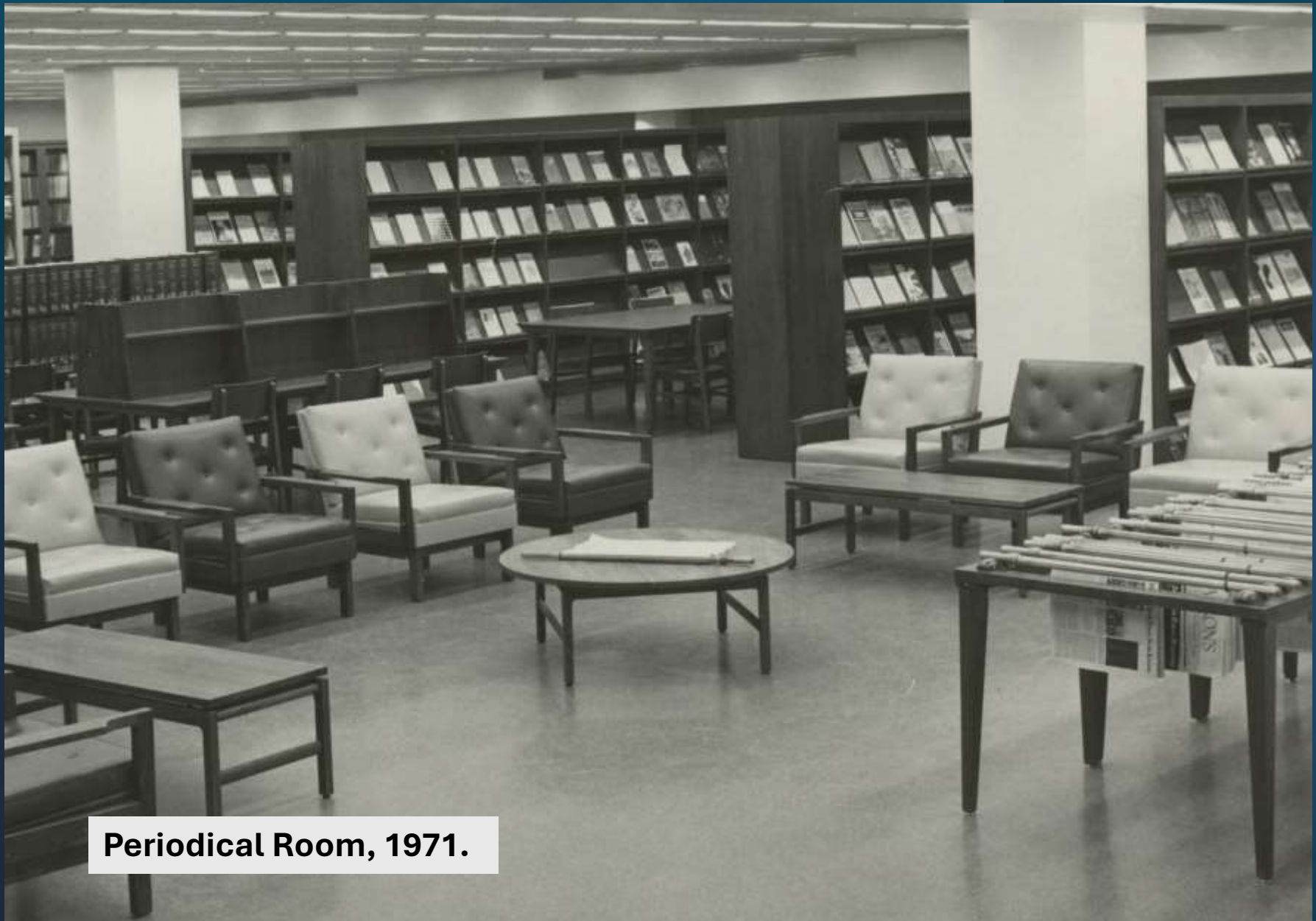
Library Circulation Desk, 1971.



A student listening to a vinyl record, 1971.



Book Processing Room, where books were prepared for the shelves, 1971.



Periodical Room, 1971.

The Dedication and The Naming



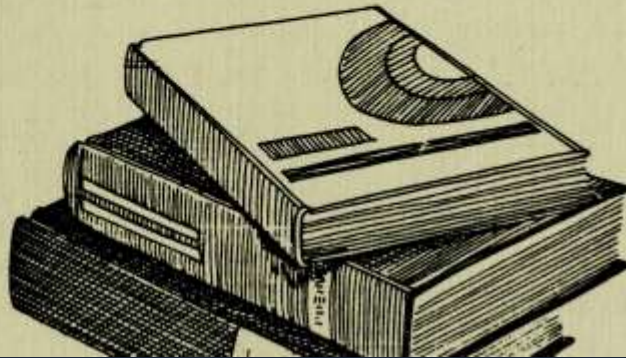
of the

Lauren Ashe Learning Center

Thiel College

Greenville, Pennsylvania

In 1983, the Lauren Ashe Learning Center (now known as The Learning Commons) was dedicated.

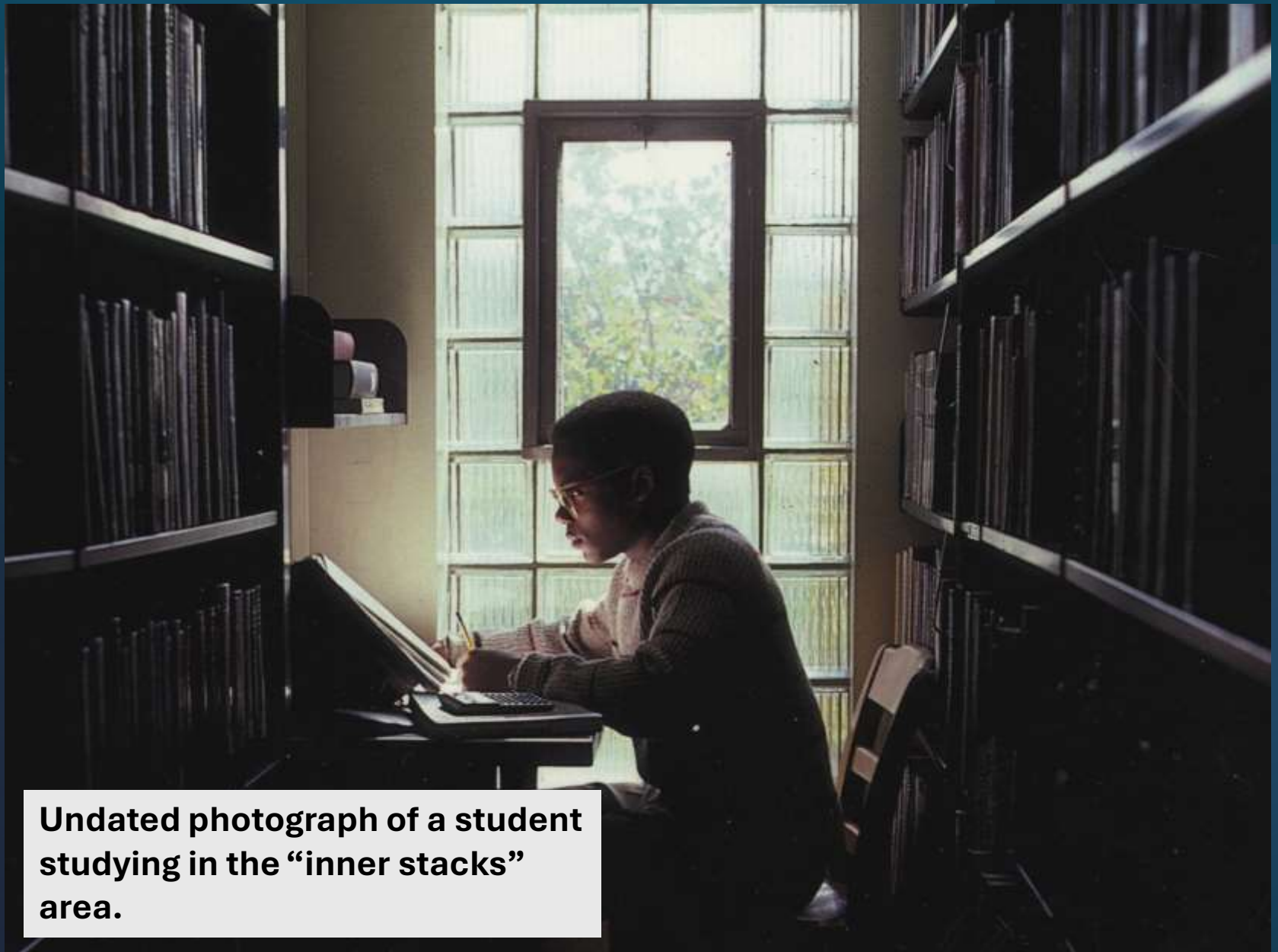


Commencement Day
Sunday May 29, 1983

**THE DEDICATION AND THE NAMING
of the
HARRIS LITERATURE
COLLECTION ROOM**



**The Harris Room
was dedicated
in 1984 and
houses
literature and art
books.**



Undated photograph of a student studying in the “inner stacks” area.

The Approval Ratings of Presidents Reagan & Clinton

The American Presidency
By Chelsea Meister
February 7, 2018

In 2008, the library began the annual Library Awards to recognize students for research.

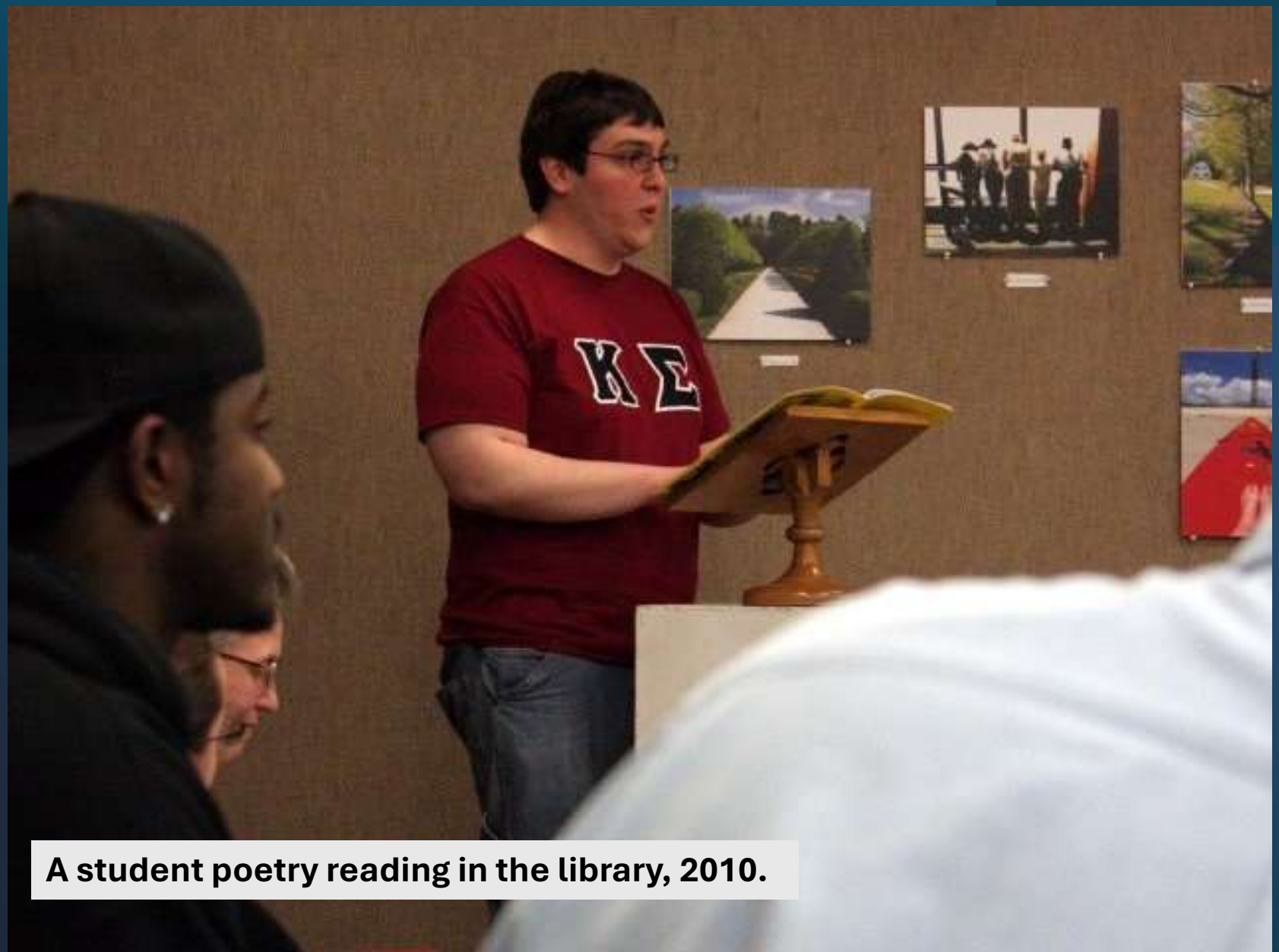




Lounge area inside the main entrance, 2011.



A student relaxing with a book, 2011.



A student poetry reading in the library, 2010.



Digital photography showcase, 2011.



A student worker at the Circulation Desk, 2011.



The tradition continues: a Student Worker at the Circulation Desk, 2025.

*Thank you to Thiel Archivist
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