

# Vaughan Library Expands Facilities

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For upper classmen who have already made those first halting steps into the Vaughan Library, you may have been more than a little surprised to discover that the building has undergone a major transformation at the ground level, and if you did not beat a hasty exit (thinking, no doubt, you had entered the wrong building) you also would have found that changes had occurred from top to bottom at the Vaughan.



Last February construction began on the library in order to remove the classrooms and offices on the top two floors. The opening of the BAG meant the library was given this greatly needed space.

Now books listed from A-L in the Congress Library system (Social Sciences and Philosophy) are located on the top floor or Level 6. On Level 5 you will find the remaining volumes from M through Z (the Humanities and some science) plus a special room for all reserve volumes.

Level 4 (at street level) still houses circulation, i.e. check-out and returning books, reserve books, card index, inter-library loans, photocopying facilities, plus current editions of the most popular newspapers and reading areas.

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Level 3 contains all post 1950 periodicals. The pre 1950 journals, magazines and newspapers are available upon request. Microfilms are found here as well as more newspapers which are stored in the Vaughan Reading Room.

The final level open to readers is Level 2. Here special collections such as the Kirkconnel Room, containing most of the books and papers of past presidents of Acadia, Watson Kirkconnel; government documents and rare books. Of special interest to music students is that the music faculty's records and tapes have been moved from Denton Hall to Room 223 of the Vaughan Library.

Level 1 is for mechanical systems and book storage.

The library now has the capacity to hold 1/2 MILLION VOLUMES AND SEAT #?? READERS. The aim of the renovations was also to brighten the building generally and plans may be underway to ban smoking in the library altogether, says I. Bates, Deputy Librarian. Apparently smoking is not only a fire hazard, but the fumes damage the books.

Not everything has been smooth sailing with the construction. Supply problems with the sub-contractors and the

electricians' strike have led to delays.

The electronic security system is not working yet; however, soon anyone forgetting to sign library books out will be 'reminded' by a siren and locking front doors when he or she tries to leave.

The library staff are more than pleased to explain the many facilities available to the readers at the Vaughan Library. When you pick up your 1978-79 library card at the Vaughan Library, get a floor plan as well. A few minutes at the beginning of term familiarizing yourself with the 'new' library may save you precious time later on.