



NEW UNIVERSITY LIBRARY
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY



A great library does not in itself constitute a great university, but no university can claim greatness without one.

And so it is at Youngstown State University, Progress and growth have been rapid and the construction of a new \$6.06 million University Library is in keeping with the aims of the University.

To be constructed on a site bordered by Jones Hall on the south and Executive Offices on the north, the new University Library will require a great logistical effort. East Hall -- one of Youngstown State University's original buildings -- along with Central Hall and West Hall will be razed to make way for this project. The old University Bookstore will be moved to a Spring Street site.

Set back 146 feet from Wick Avenue on the east, the new University Library will be in line with the facade of the Butler Institute of American Art and ensure retention of the

traditional front campus green.

Scheduled for occupancy in Fall, 1974, the Library will house nearly one-half million volumes, with study space for 2,400 students.

The architectural design is strikingly contemporary, with the building to be constructed on a reinforced concrete frame and faced with precast and cast-in-place concrete and dark bronze glass. The interior walls will feature exposed concrete and brick. Air-conditioning will add to the comfort of the building.

Approximately 150,000 square feet of floor space will be contained in the University Library's six stories. The first floor -- to be located partially underground with windows only on the East -- will house current and bound periodicals, serial works, and microfilm. Mediated study carrels will also be located on this floor, offering students the opportunity to utilize a variety of audio-visual materials, including television.

The roof of the 27,800 square-foot first floor will serve as a podium for the other levels of the building. With the indentation of the second floor, a plaza will be created on the building's north, south and east sides.

With 19,800 square feet of space, the second floor actually will be the main floor. Two entrances to the building -- the main entrance at the northwest corner and a secondary entrance at the southwest corner -- will be located on this floor.

Also located on the main floor will be the circulation desk and work area, reference area, reserved books, card catalogue, government documents and offices of the library's administrative personnel. The remainder of the building will be devoted to stack and reading levels . . . with each area featuring a series of faculty study rooms and structurally separated group study rooms designed to seat four.

An unusual feature of the building's interior is the split-level design of the reading and stack levels. Located between the third and fourth floors are two stack levels -- 3A and 3B -- easily accessible from either floor. An open well between the various levels will add special interest to the building's interior spaces. The same effect will be repeated between the fifth and sixth floors.

As the first phase of the University Library development plan, this structure will constitute approximately 50 per cent of the entire project. If University expansion dictates, the remainder of the plan will be programmed and implemented before 1980. The current proposal calls for the construction of an addition to the west of the building. A landscaped, open-space courtyard to the north would replace the Executive Offices and provide a platform for the proposed Wick Avenue footbridge.