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## THE RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LIBRARY FIFTY YEARS AGO

**T**HE RALPH VOORHEES LIBRARY was opened and dedicated on 10 November 1903. Before it was two decades old its shelves were overcrowded and a new reading room was needed. Plans for its enlargement were drawn, and with a large donation from Mrs. Voorhees, the new section opened in September 1926. Voorhees remained Rutgers' main library for another thirty years, until an entirely new and larger library, now known as Alexander Library, was opened in November 1956.



The Ralph Voorhees Library as it appeared in 1937

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