Given fiscal constraints and the trend toward on-line library work, I readily believe something of this nature must be done, and as I say, on balance, I think this is an impressive effort...It does strike me that the less-used materials will become still lesser used because they will become less readily available and noticed... [but] I doubt if much can be done about all this...

I will miss having a library in NHB, but it looks to me like the committee did a thoughtful job and reached reasonable conclusions we can live with.

We are in the process of disarticulating one of the world’s finest geology library collections---dispersing it to inconvenient and disjointed sites. Although the books...will be preserved, it will be impossible to browse the library; which was one of my most productive uses of the collection.

The plan looks reasonable in general