Becoming a "Student Ready" Library: A Conceptual Framework for Engaging the Library in Student Success
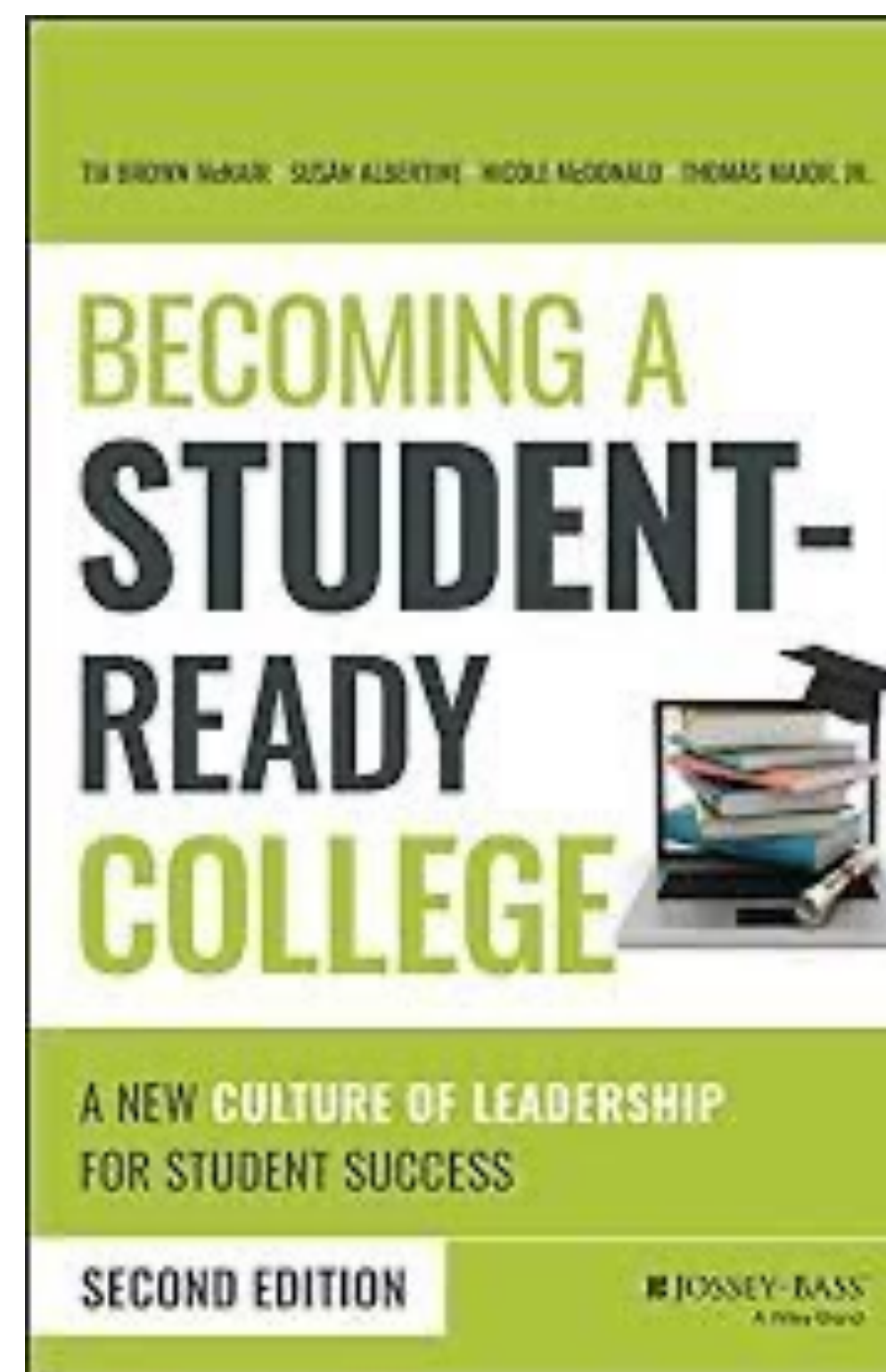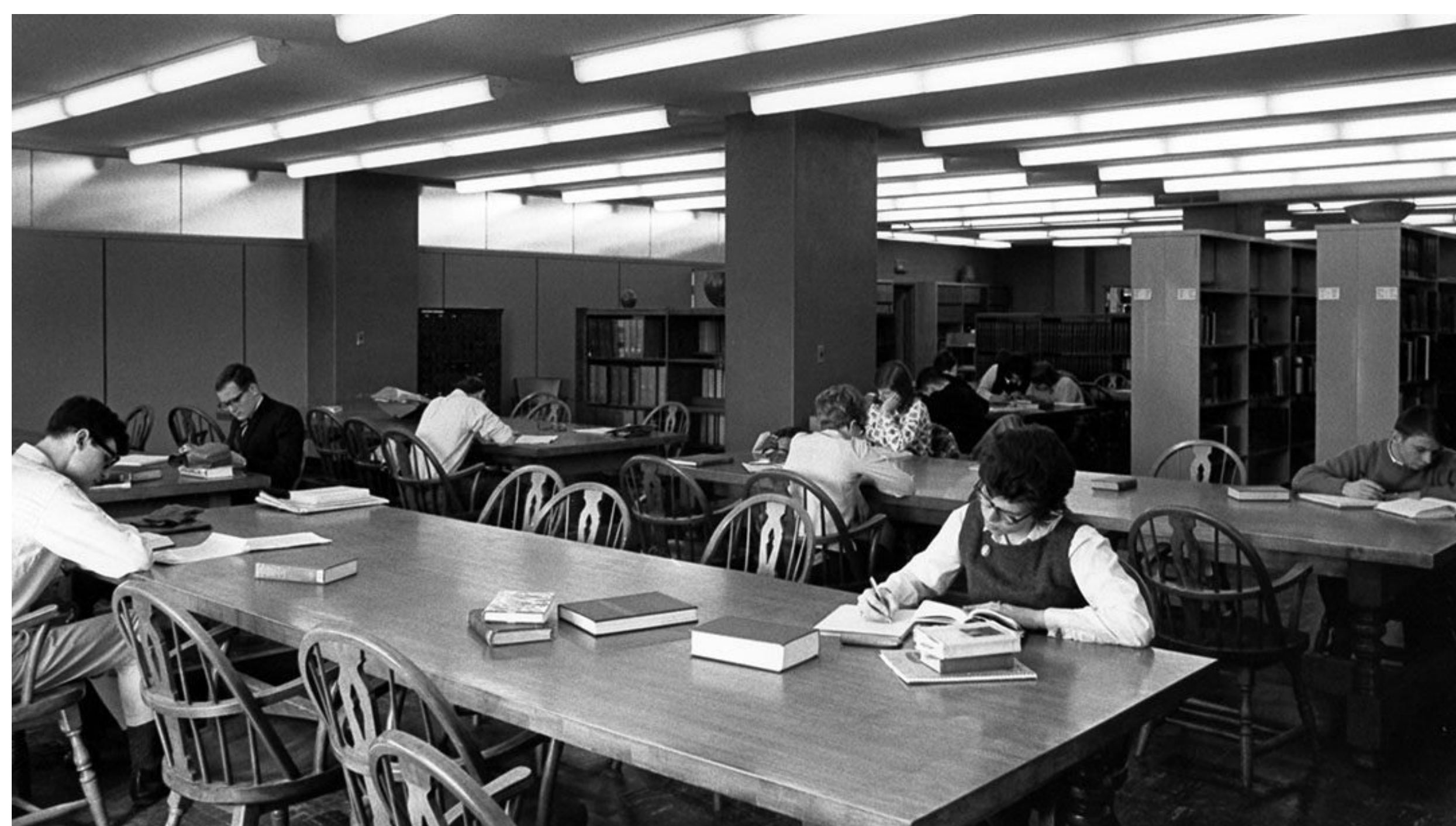
What is a Student Ready Library?

A library that eliminates the "hidden curriculum"—it is accessible, welcoming, easy to use and requires no advanced preparation to successfully navigate.

How to Become a Student Ready Library

Intentionally design library services to facilitate college completion and positive post college outcomes. How do we do that?

Step 1: Eliminate deficit thinking*
Step 2: Identify the barriers students experience
Step 3: Focus on the mission
Step 4: Empower all employees to serve as educators

BECOMING A STUDENT-READY COLLEGE

A NEW CULTURE OF LEADERSHIP FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

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"Students shouldn't need to know the 'secret handshake' to be successful in the library."

What Has the UNH Library Done to Become Student Ready?

• Hired a student success librarian
• Developed a service philosophy
• Partnered with Health and Wellness on wellbeing events
• Provided library orientations during welcome week
• Opened an information desk
• Empathy training

What Does the UNH Library Still Need to do to Become Student Ready?

• Expand partnerships
• Build a culture of care
• Focus on learning through connection
• Refine learning outcomes

What Has Your Library Done to Become Student Ready?

__Deficit thinking__ is a focus on lack. To remove it, use positive and affirming language about students that conveys a growth mindset. Statements like "the problem is k-12 education" or "the community of origin was not college oriented" convey deficit thinking.

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