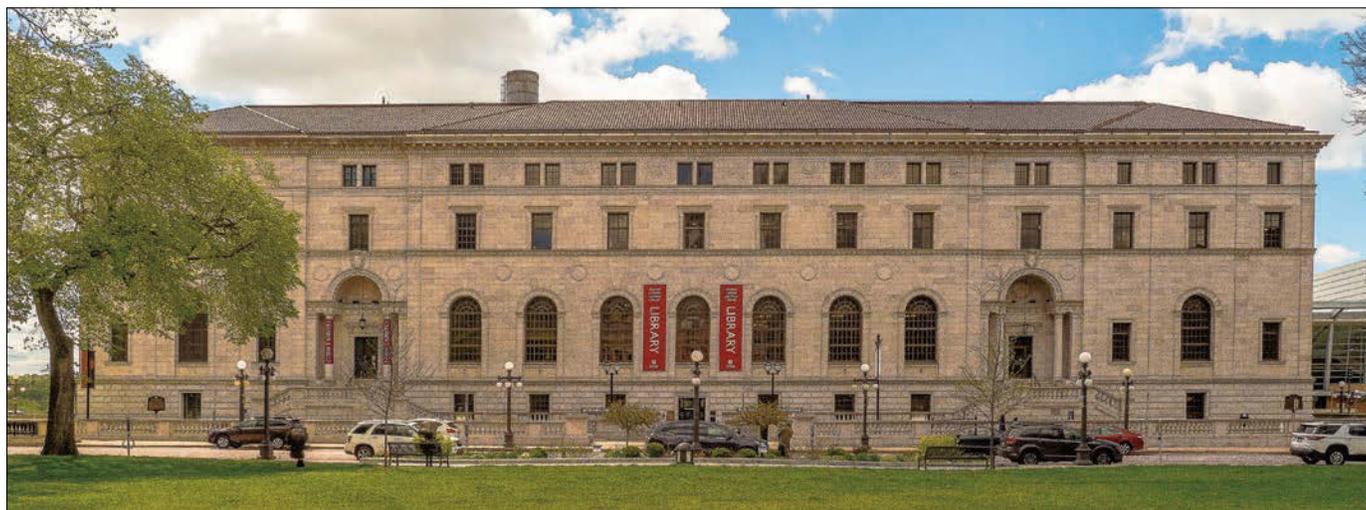


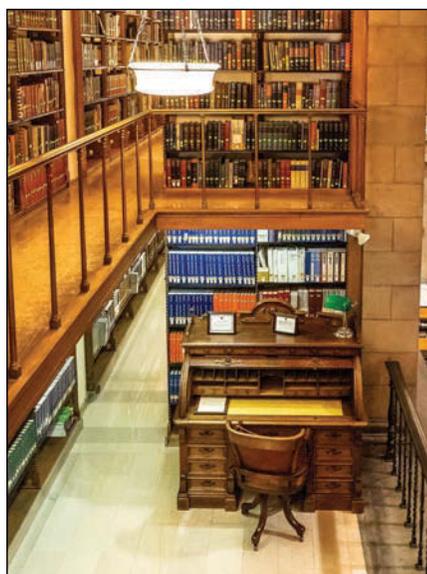
A Selection of Images from the James Jerome Hill Reference Library Photographed December 2020

In December 2020, Bob Muschewske and Leaetta Hough with Summit Images, LLC, were granted permission to photograph the J. J. Hill Center (formerly the James Jerome Hill Reference Library), which closed to the public in 2019 and sold to a developer in 2021. Ramsey County Historical Society (RCHS) offers sincere thanks to Summit Images for

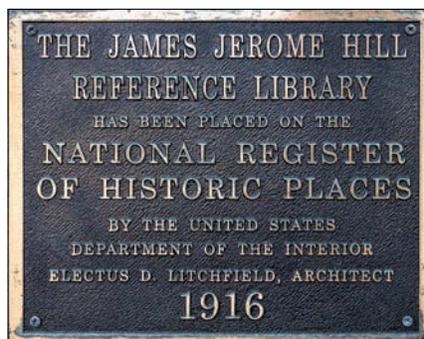
their creativity and attention to detail in these exquisite photographs, which they have graciously donated to the RCHS collection. These and other images may be accessed through the Mary Livingston Griggs & Mary Griggs Burke Research Center beginning in 2022.



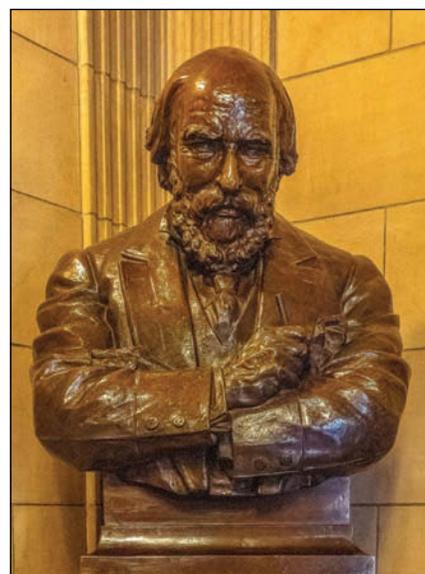
The J. J. Hill Center and the George Latimer Central Library at 80 and 90 W. Fourth Street in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 2020.



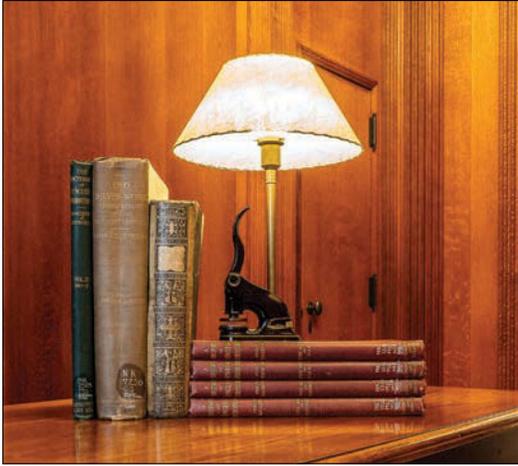
This rolltop desk was given to the Hill Library in 1926 by the Northwestern Fuel Company (formerly Hill, Griggs and Company that Hill began in 1869). Authentication that it was used by Hill was supplied to Head Librarian Joseph Pyle by R. A. Carrington, an employee of Northwestern Fuel.



The historic Hill Library in downtown St. Paul was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1975.



This bust of James J. Hill greeted visitors to the Hill Library in the building's foyer.



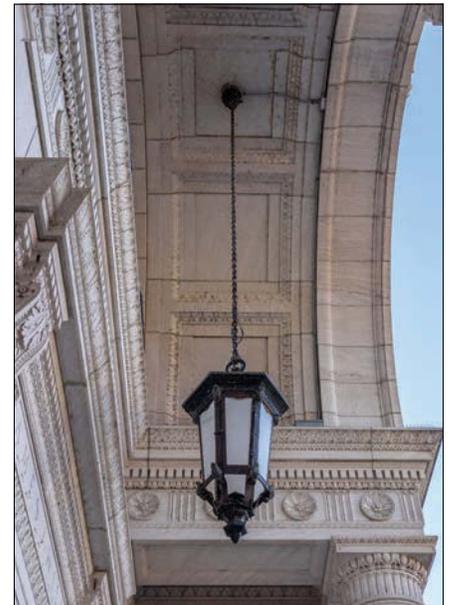
Lamps throughout the Hill Library illuminated the many books and research materials spread out on study tables by focused researchers and students over the years.



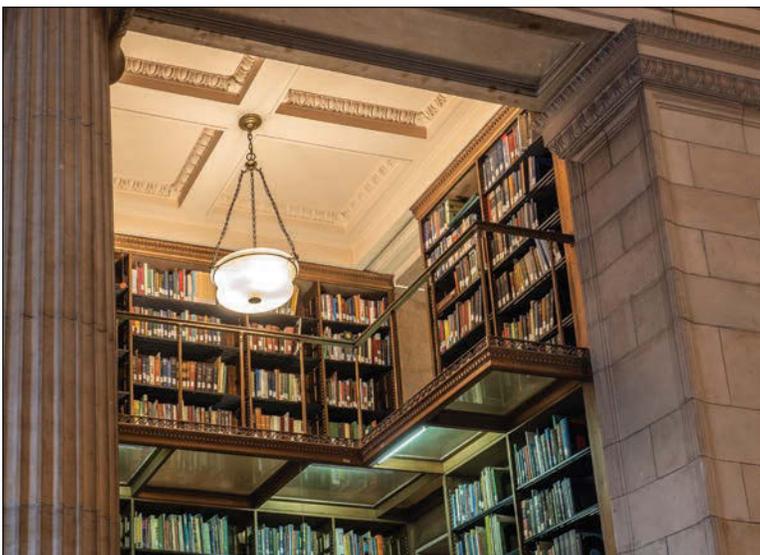
It is not surprising that railroad magnate James J. Hill insisted on curating books and research on railroads. These tomes are just a small sampling of the library's transportation collection.



An assortment of stamps once used by the Hill librarians and archivists.



The light above the entrance to the James Jerome Hill Reference Library welcomed thousands through its doorway.



Glass floors in some areas of the Hill Library delighted patrons, especially children there on field trips.



For those readers who may not know what a card catalog is, just think of it as a 1921 version of a 2021 Google browser.