Library Branches Renovated by 1,300
On Rolls of WPA

Practically every branch of the
New York Public Library, including
the central branch, at 5th Ave. and
43rd St., Manhattan, is being
renovated by WPA workers under an
appropriation of $1,300,000 at WPA
hunts giving work to
1,300 persons.

The work involves general repairs
to the buildings of the system in
throughout the boroughs of Man-
hattan, the Bronx and Richmond.

The construction of extensions to
to these buildings and the erection of
stage in library auditoriums.

In the 43rd St. main library much of
the work has been done on the
equipment which makes for the
comfort of the users; e.g.,
the heating, ventilating and light-
ing. In some buildings the
work is handled by the relief workers
in the building which the public
uses every day. For example, the
new trends on the interior stairs.

The old marble treads were so
badly worn as to be a constant
source of danger. Marble workers
from the WPA took out these old
treads down to a level surface
and then fitted in present terrazo
treads with corking at

The terrazzo, which was
the original marble and the par-
quet, turned out to be still harder. More-
over, the corking provides a
non-slippery surface for

The presence of most of the
branches has been

Branches and workrooms have been
reconditioned, and workrooms
of painted walls and real wood have
been
plastered, paneled and
finished. Reconditioned and lighting
in several of the buildings have been placed in proper condi-
tion.