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life, from the library's point of view

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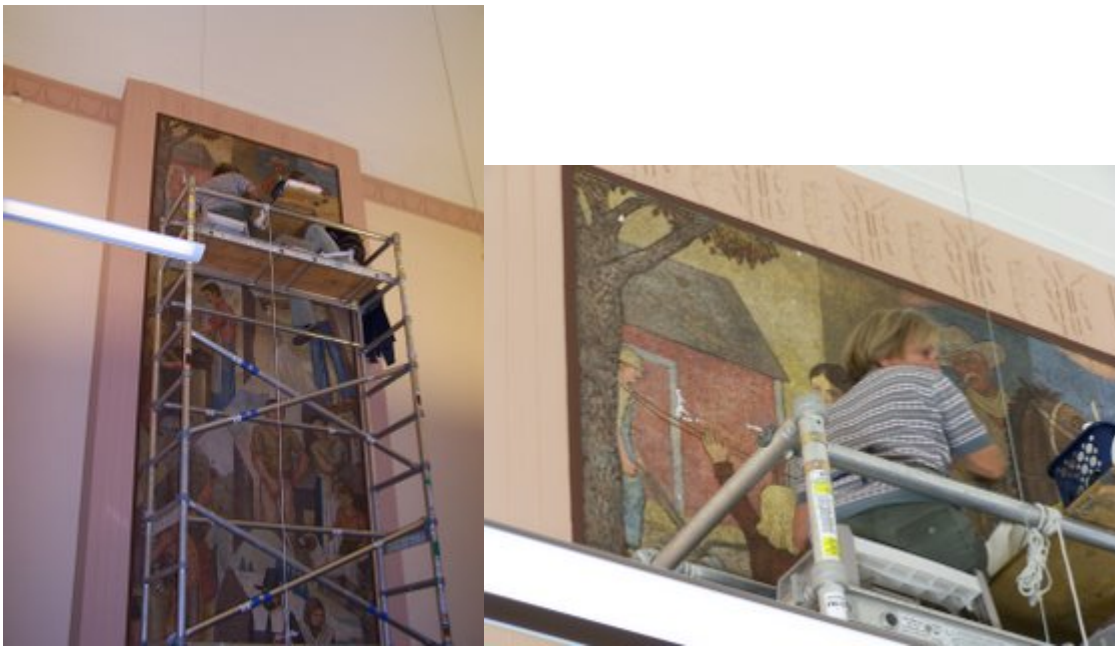
Facelift, Part Two

I wasn't kidding about the facelift.



This portion of the mural is all the way at the top of the piece. That part of the woman's face that's darker? Not a shadow -- that's 72 years of airborne grime, ladies and gentlemen.

And it's all gone.



Work in progress, up the very stable yet very scary-looking scaffolding.



Detail of the archer, near the bottom of the piece.



Detail of the cat, which I didn't even know was *on* the mural because of the grime.



Detail of a book, which is appropriate don't you think?



The finished, repaired, and varnished mural in the morning sunlight.



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