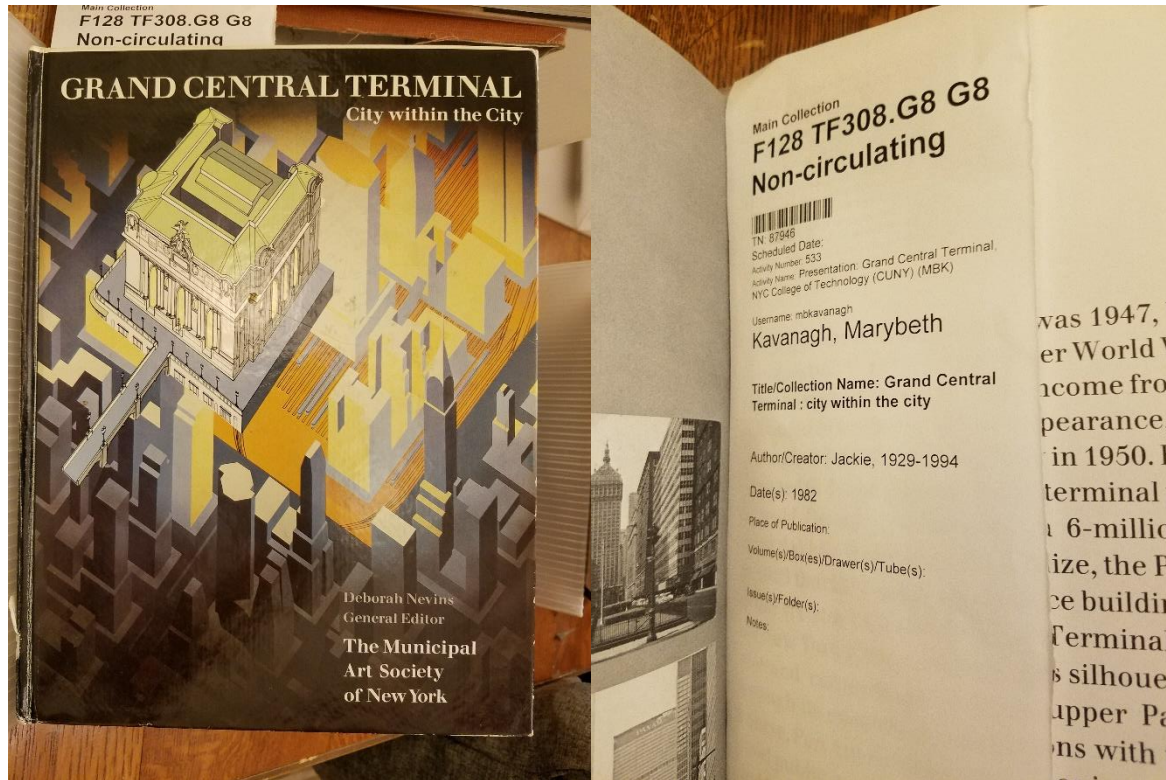


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Author/Creator: Jackie, 1929-1994. Edited by Deborah Nevins. The Municipal Art Society of New York.

Title: Grand Central Terminal City within the City.

Publication: Published by The Municipal Art Society of New York. 1982.

I was not able to read this book but it caught my eye because of the part of the title that says “City within the City” and this was something mentioned in class. Since I did not read it, I searched it up and found that this book was originally published as a catalog of an exhibition by the Municipal Art Society (Columbia University Libraries). It seems that the catalog was then edited by Deborah Nevins to create this book. The title suggest that this book was published to promote Grand Central as a “City within the City” especially since it was originally a catalog for an exhibition. The Municipal Art Society of New York probably wanted to preserve the catalog in a better way so they published the book.



Author/Creator: Photograph by George Gardner Rockwood

Title: Grand Central Depot, New York – Interior View

Publication: Published by Harper's Weekly on February 3, 1872

This image shows the interior view of Grand Central Depot in 1872 only about a year after opening. To stay on the same subject of a “City within the City”, from my perspective, the image conveys that Grand Central is a “City within the City”. It looks like outside on the street but its inside especially because of the wide-open space and the huge amount of light. I believe that this same idea is seen at Grand Central Terminal today. There is a huge open space which is called the Grand Concourse and the same idea of letting in a huge amount of light is still there because of the huge windows.

Questions:

1. I recently saw an article titled “Grand Transit Plaza” on the front of the AM NEW YORK paper, about the building next to GCT that would connect to GCT underground, will this contribute to the “City within the City” idea?
2. Will the restoration/renovation of PENN station affect commuter traffic and business at GCT?