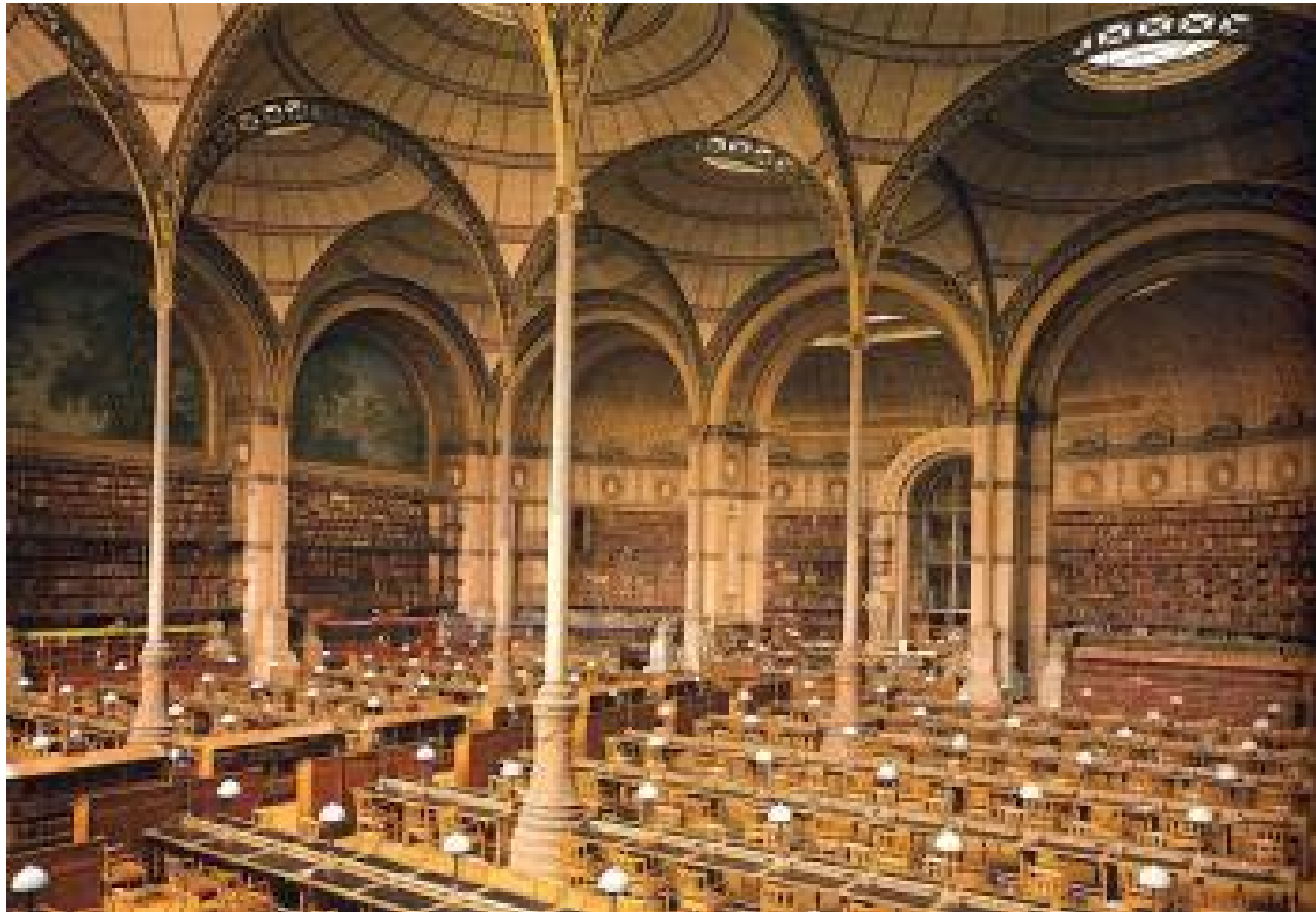
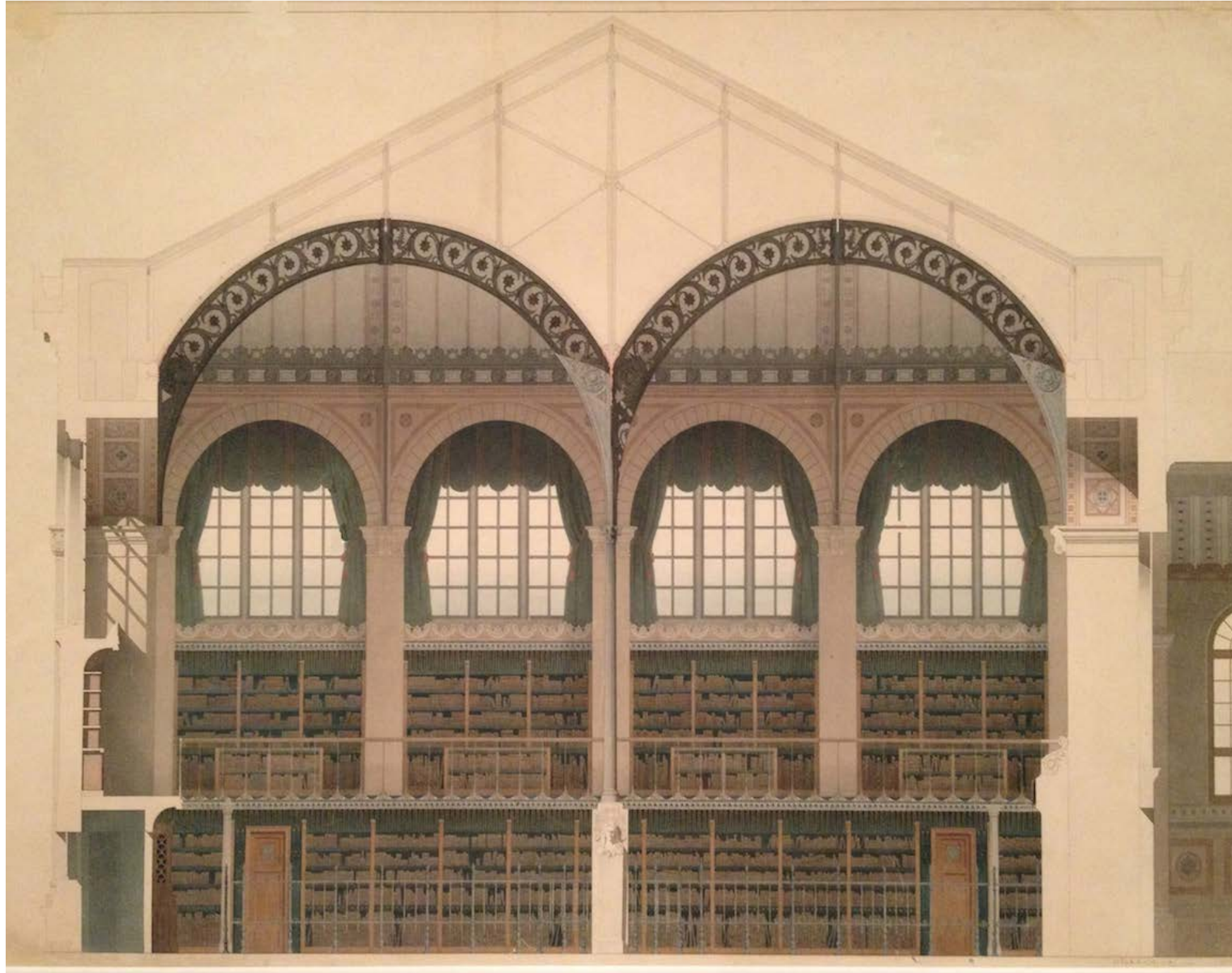


# Bibliothèque Sainte-Geneviève, Paris France, Library case study Jamal Sennon





For the Paris library it seems like the interior along with the exterior is mostly symmetrical. There are multiple arcs in this system which tie in with its structure. It is a public university library in Paris. It contains around 2 million documents. Between 1838 and 1850, Sainte-Genève Library was designed and constructed under architect Henri Labrouste.



It took six to seven years to complete the construction, starting in 1843 and ending in 1850. The 278 feet by 69 feet two-storied structure filling a wide, shallow site is deceptively simple when looking at it. However the lower floor is occupied by stacks to the left, rare-book storage and office space to the right, with a central vestibule and stairway leading to the reading room which fills the entire upper story. The structure of the reading room is a spine-cast-iron, columns dividing the space in two and supporting open work iron arches.

