



A MILESTONE CELEBRATION: *gala* 25

The Friends of the K-State Libraries commemorated a quarter century of philanthropy with their 25th annual benefit, Gala 25, on April 18, 2015.

It was a fitting way to celebrate their long history of generous giving. Over the years, the Friends have raised more than a million dollars for the good of the Libraries. The group funded the Great Room mural preservation, supported classroom renovations and made dozens more contributions to both building maintenance and the academic success of the K-State community.

All funds raised at Gala 25—a record \$23,000—will go toward new study spaces at Hale Library.

Hale Library: Then and now

Now more than ever, Hale Library is situated at the academic center of the K-State campus. During fall and spring semesters, 30,000 visitors come through the gates each week.

Most of those K-Staters were born in the mid-nineties, shortly before Hale Library was completed.

And while 18 years is young—especially for a building—the advances in technology since 1997 have been transformational. Libraries, classrooms and assignments have evolved in conjunction with each new computer upgrade and software release.

As a result, Hale Library visitors are looking for spaces that allow them to collaborate, practice presentations, complete web-based assignments and create digital projects.

That means we are looking for ways to reimagine Hale Library. Attendees of Gala 25 were treated to a preview of a redesigned first floor, and the K-State Libraries are setting the stage to make that vision a reality.

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