

HALE LIBRARY

REIMAGINING



Direct access onto the first floor from Hale Library's southeast ground entrance will make the building more welcoming and user-friendly.

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K-STATE LIBRARIES LAUNCH A \$6.5 MILLION CAMPAIGN TO MODERNIZE HALE LIBRARY'S FIRST FLOOR

PHASE I

For 20 years, Hale Library has provided ample space for the K-State community. But that's never stopped Dean Lori Goetsch from asking, "What if ... ?"

"When you hear students say, 'Wouldn't it be great if you could enter straight onto the first floor?' every semester for a decade, you know the need is there," Goetsch said. "And then you start to see how improving one part of the building might dovetail with other changes, and a plan starts to take shape."

Even as her wish list grew over the years, Goetsch knew that the Libraries didn't need a new building. Instead, this would be the new, improved Hale Library.

"Hale is a 550,000-square-foot building, so there's plenty of space," she said. "We just wanted to rethink how we use the amazing structure we already have."

When Hale Library was built in the late '90s, students used libraries in a more solitary way. They accessed physical copies of books and journals to complete

research projects in isolation. The internet was still relatively new—organizations like Amazon, Google and eBay were in their infancy—and e-resources weren't central to coursework. Today, online research, collaboration and group assignments are integral parts of college courses,

and the ways students engage with Hale Library reflect that shift.

"Collectively, K-Staters make about



Multiple seating arrangements will accommodate both large groups and one-on-one meetings.

30,000 visits to Hale Library every week during the academic year," Goetsch said. "During peak hours when groups are gathered around white boards and have their laptops and books spread out, the space literally hums with activity. There is no better time to experience what Hale means to students and contemporary university life."

In 2014, K-State Libraries' administrative team selected Hale Library's first floor as the location for a learning commons to enable and promote the kinds of collaborative, technology-based work so many K-State degrees require.

PHASE II

When alumni sign on to help turn “What if?” into reality, you know you’re headed in the right direction. Dave and Ellie Everitt of Marco Island, Florida, have given a \$3 million lead gift that paves the way for the renovation project.

Their gift plus several other commitments total \$3.3 million, just above 50 percent of the \$6.5 million goal for the project. The Everitts hope others will be inspired to invest in Hale Library, a resource that is vital for all K-State students.

“I remember the library of the old stacks,” Dave said. “Coming through the library to see what it is today, and then looking at the plans and seeing what this will be when it’s done—it’s a totally different environment. We hope others are inspired to help us make this a place of study, collaboration and technology for the university of the 21st century.”

In order to arrive at the construction phase, the Libraries’ team is working to connect with others who are excited about the new first floor, which will be named the Dave and Ellie Everitt Learning Commons.



“UNIVERSITYWIDE PROGRAMS ARE IMPORTANT TO SUPPORT BECAUSE THEY TOUCH EVERY STUDENT AT K-STATE. THE LIBRARY IMPACTS NOT ONLY STUDENTS, BUT ALSO FACULTY AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO VISIT.”

— ELLIE EVERITT

Ellie Everitt graduated from K-State in 1973 with a degree in clothing and textiles from the College of Human Ecology. Dave Everitt received his degree in industrial engineering from the College of Engineering in 1975. They are both KSU Foundation Trustees and serve on the Innovation and Inspiration Campaign steering committee. Dave is also on the KSU Foundation Board of Directors.

The floor plan will be punctuated with comfortable furniture and writing surfaces that facilitate group collaboration.



PHASE III

The Dave and Ellie Everitt Learning Commons will feature environments and technology that enable and promote collaboration, as well as that long-wished-for first floor entrance.

“Hale Library is one of the most utilized spaces on campus, so a more accessible entrance is very high on the list,” Goetsch said. “And we’re the only library system in the Big 12 without dedicated study rooms students can reserve, so those are a huge priority.”

The study rooms will be equipped with technology so students can practice presentations, hold meetings and communicate with researchers around the globe.

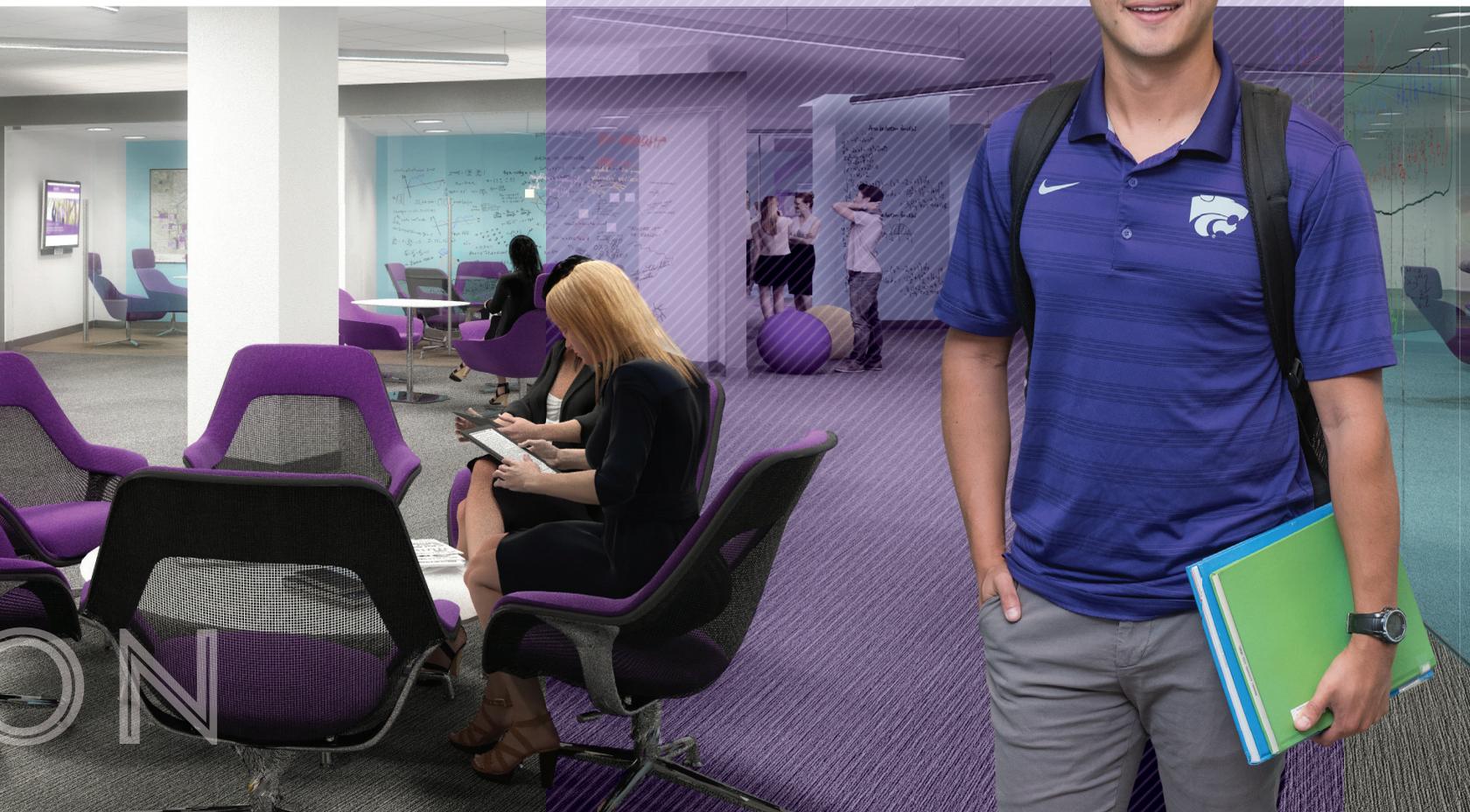
The learning commons will make room for partner organizations, too, thanks to satellite spaces for campus services. The Writing Center, academic tutors and others will be able to hold hours in Hale Library, right at the heart of campus where students already gather.

Additionally, a partnership with the K-State Information Technology Assistance Center (iTAC), which is already housed in Hale Library, will provide software and tech support in a dedicated space for digital scholarship. K-State researchers will be able to access cutting-edge

resources that amplify the quality and visibility of their work. Affiliated digital scholarship librarians will also facilitate K-State’s Open/Alternative Textbook Initiative, a program that creates free alternatives to the traditional textbooks that drive up the cost of a college education.

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— SHAUN FINN,
SENIOR IN CHEMICAL ENGINEERING AND
PRESIDENT OF THE K-STATE LIBRARIES
STUDENT AMBASSADORS





Students will reserve tech-equipped rooms for studying in groups or practicing presentations.

Librarians will teach in classrooms right next to the resources and technology students need.



Partners like the Writing Center will offer student services from convenient first floor satellite spaces.



THE NEW FIRST FLOOR KEY FEATURES & SNAPSHOTS



The Libraries will host more lectures, performances and events in a flexible multi-purpose space.

Researchers will amplify their work's visibility and impact with cutting-edge technology and expert assistance.



A café just inside the entrance will offer food, drinks and a pleasant spot to meet or study.

“While the plans may shift slightly, these are critical elements that we really want to provide,” Goetsch said. “This is an occasion to look around campus and see how we can help meet multiple needs.”

These unique partnerships and alliances are among the key features that attracted the Everitts to the modernization project.

“We’re very excited about the idea of large-group collaboration centers

and study centers and the ability to leverage technology,” Dave said. “There aren’t a lot of places on campus where multidisciplinary groups can get together. This space is aimed at supporting the kinds of collaborative work students will have to navigate in their careers after graduation.”

Shaun Finn, senior in chemical engineering and president of the K-State Libraries Student

Ambassadors, says that he has no doubt that Hale Library’s reimagined first floor will be used and appreciated by his peers.

“Some of the most enriching moments throughout my college career have taken place here,” Finn said. “I can go back to my sophomore year when two friends and I were studying for our Chemical Process Analysis final. We got one of the really popular booths, and we studied for hours and hours, not giving up our spot for two days.”

Finn says his experience is not unique: “Hale Library is the communal ground where students of every major, nationality and walk of life come together to study, take a break or hold meetings. Improvements to Hale Library can only lead to more success at Kansas State University.”

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To view the conceptual plans, visit lib.k-state.edu/renovation.

SUPPORT THE RENOVATION

A journey begins with a single step. Thanks to the Everitts, our first step is one of gargantuan proportions. Dave and Ellie’s generosity gives us momentum as we embark on the next stage of this venture.

If we reach our \$6.5 million goal by May 2018, we will launch the renovation immediately after the last day of the spring semester. It will be completed before students return in the fall.

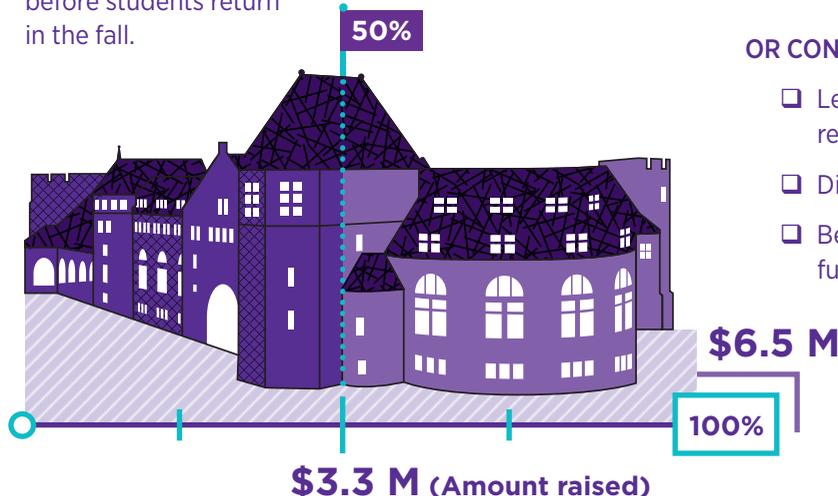
Help us create a modern library space for our students and K-State’s future. With your support, we will transform Hale Library’s first floor into the Dave and Ellie Everitt Learning Commons.

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- Learn more about the plans for Hale Library’s reimagined first floor.
- Discover naming opportunities.
- Become an integral part of K-State’s library of the future.



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