The Thomas S. and Harvey D. Wilmeth Active Learning Center (WALC), opening August 2017, is a tangible success story of Purdue’s Ever True campaign — a demonstration of the vision, drive, and creativity with which the Purdue University Libraries pursues the development of learning and research resources for the people of Purdue University.

The Libraries conceptualized and designed the Center in response to the increasing demand for new active learning spaces. Through the IMPACT program, a Provost-sponsored partnership of the Center for Instructional Excellence, ITaP Teaching and Learning, the Libraries, and other units across campus, we helped redesign more than 180 University courses — all to enhance student-centered learning.

During the day, the Center will combine 26 active learning classrooms seamlessly integrated with library space for individual and group study. After the end of the class day, the classrooms become “library study spaces,” significantly increasing the efficiency of the building when compared to a stand-alone classroom building or library. The Center creates a new environment never seen before at any university in the world. Purdue University Libraries takes the lead once again!

A profession-leading, award-winning university library,

Purdue Libraries succeeds by taking risks, innovating, and leveraging collaboration — key attributes recognized by the prestigious Association of College and Research Libraries Excellence in University Libraries Award bestowed on us in 2015. We have also been recognized for our creativity, innovation, and commitment to meet the needs of the Purdue community while serving as an international leader through advances in teaching, learning, research, and scholarly communication — defining the role of the 21st-century research library within its university community.

OUR VISION: Purdue University Libraries will be recognized as an essential leader in the advancement of the University’s core strengths and global mission by leading in innovative and creative solutions for access to and management and dissemination of scholarly information resources, and for the provision of information literacy and the creation of leading-edge learning spaces, both physical and virtual, and will be regarded as a leader in the national and international research library community.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Through Ever True: The Campaign for Purdue University, the Libraries will enhance and expand the learning and research resources available to students, faculty, and the public. Your financial support can create lasting impact by funding new learning and research databases or scholarly publications, enhanced services such as maker space, further professional development for Libraries faculty, or a particularly specialized need: the development of appropriate space to house and preserve Purdue’s remarkable history and that of its outstanding alumni.
STUDENTS

We seek to expand scholarships and awards for student employees of the Libraries and to implement renovations that provide conducive study and learning spaces for all students. We also seek endowments to support the expansion of information and research resources (books, journals, and databases), especially in emerging areas of study, that develop students’ information literacy and critical thinking and contribute to their academic and professional success.

ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS (ASC)

Our Archives and Special Collections preserves the history of Purdue (in print and digitally), along with the collections of alumni who have made an impact upon our world. We also hold seminal publications that help convey the history of knowledge. Support through a single gift, the creation of an endowment, or the donation of a collection will allow the history of Purdue and its illustrious alumni to be made available to students and researchers today and in perpetuity. Your support will help us assess and plan to accommodate the growth and preservation of our collections in an environment that ensures security and preservation.

FACULTY AND RESEARCH

Support for the Libraries faculty is critical to advance our educational work in information literacy, a foundational requirement of Purdue’s core curriculum and an essential component of critical and analytical thinking. Single gifts and endowments will expand and enhance our Libraries faculty’s crucial teaching role in this area.

DISCRETIONARY

Additional, discretionary support is critically important in allowing us the flexibility to address unexpected challenges and opportunities as they arise. Discretionary funding will help move the Libraries and the Purdue University Press to the forefront of research libraries and university presses in the 21st century, an essential step in advancing Purdue’s core strengths and global mission.