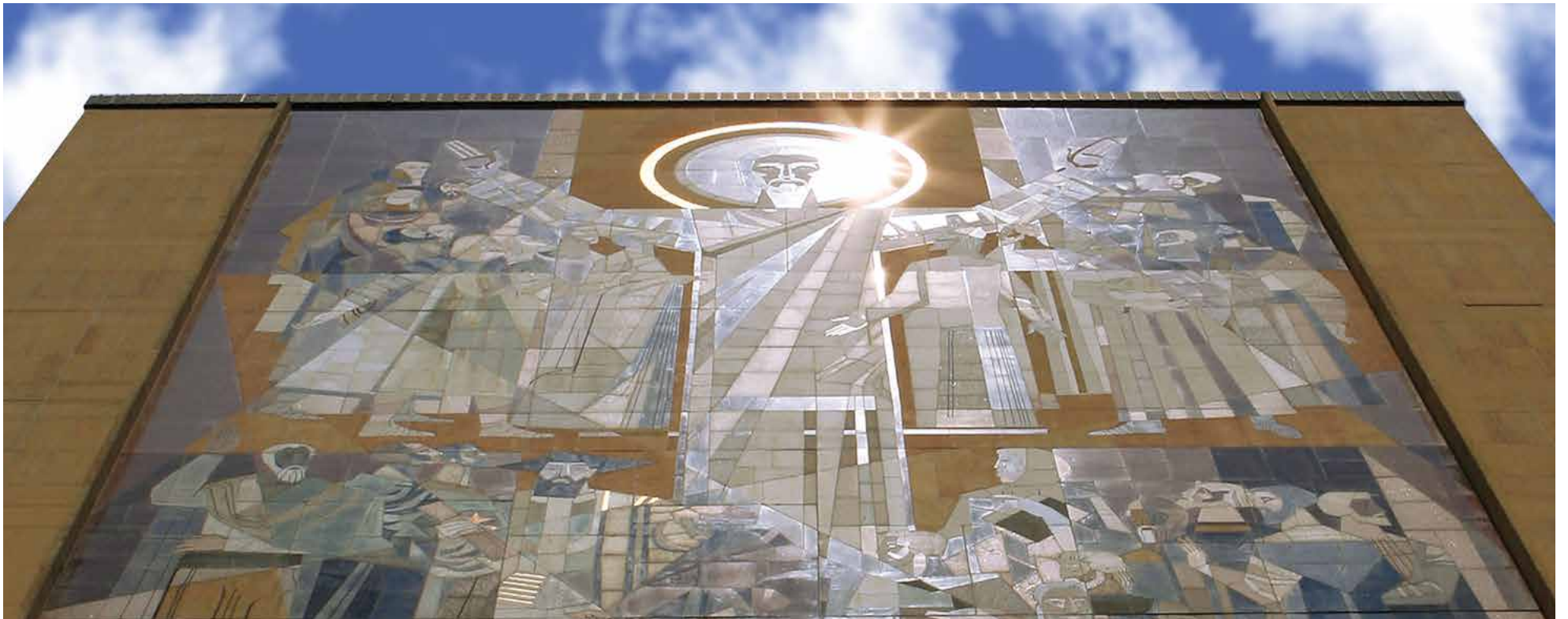


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# THE HESBURGH LIBRARY

## RESTORING AN ICON: A GUIDE TO THE PHASE ONE RENOVATION

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### An Enduring Legacy

When President Emeritus **Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.**, envisioned the future of the University of Notre Dame in the late 1950s, his aspirations included a research library that would “stand as a symbol of academic excellence and the pursuit of truth.”

From its inception, the Hesburgh Library (then Memorial Library) was designed to be one of a trilogy of iconic buildings—along with the Main Building and the Basilica of the Sacred Heart—that still define the

Notre Dame skyline to this day.

When asked at that time about the role that the new library would play in advancing the University’s goals, Father Hesburgh said, “The Notre Dame Memorial Library will be the academic heart of a University destined to become a real center of excellence in higher learning in the very heartland of America.”

Today, some 50 years after the library’s dedication, this original vision still stands strong and serves as inspiration for future generations of scientists and scholars.

### A Renewed Vision

The University has fulfilled its promise and commitment to that legacy. It is with renewed vision that University leadership aims to carry that enduring charge well into the future. In the 21st century, students and faculty demand that libraries provide access to interdisciplinary and collaborative spaces, state-of-the-art technologies and advanced research expertise. Building on its long-standing history to support and foster rigorous scholarship, inquiry and research, the University will launch the first phase of a full-scale interior renovation of the iconic Hesburgh Library.

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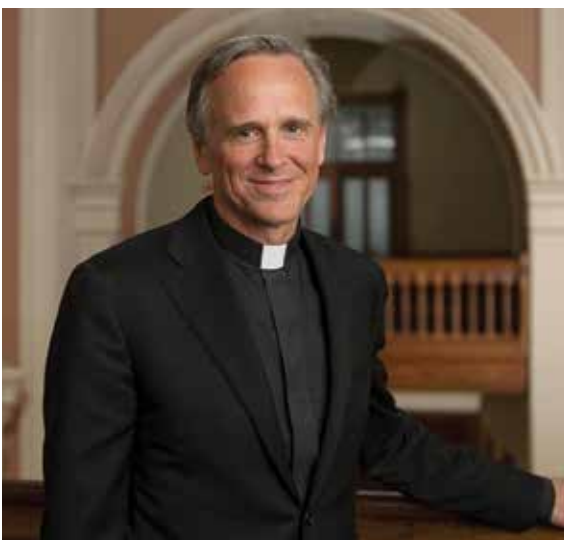
the 21st century,” said **Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.**, Notre Dame’s president. “Given the ever-changing environment of the digital age, now is the time to make a transformational leap forward through a bold renovation that will keep the Hesburgh Library the centerpiece of Notre Dame’s intellectual pursuits and an enduring symbol of our academic excellence.”

“The Hesburgh Library has been a central and critically important resource for our faculty and students,” said **Thomas G. Burish**, University provost. “It has been inspiring to remember and reflect on the role the library has played in the University’s growth—but it is equally exciting to look ahead and commit to creating a library that can support new academic endeavors for decades to come.”

The project is set to commence Dec. 22, 2014, at the close of the academic term, and will address the changing needs of students, faculty and staff as they encounter new and evolving forms of scholarship in the digital age.

“The need for library spaces has not changed. It’s how we must use our library spaces and what expertise and services we offer our students and faculty that has changed,” said Edward H. Arnold University Librarian, **Diane Walker**. “The mission of the library is, and always has been, to connect people to knowledge across time and space. In order to fulfill this mission we must evolve to meet the changing demands for teaching, learning and research here at Notre Dame.”

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### A Transformative Plan

The master building plan for the renovation, provided by the architectural firm Shepley Bulfinch, was created with input from students and faculty from across campus. It encompasses most interior spaces of the library, excluding areas that have seen recent renovations, such as the Lower Level and the Penthouse. As much of the interior space is exactly as it was in 1963, the proposed changes will transform almost every corner of the 14-story structure.

The comprehensive project will begin with Phase One, The Entrance Gallery and 10th floor.

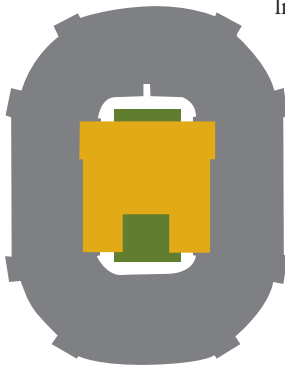
Future phases will be completed over several years depending on future benefaction. “Since we’ll need to keep the library operating throughout the renovation, and so that we can raise funds as we go, the architects have mapped out multiple phases and projects for the work,” said Diane Walker. The master building plan highlights future phases and other renovation details and is available for download at [renovation.library.nd.edu](http://renovation.library.nd.edu).

Recognizing the library as an important hub of campus activity, the first phase of renovation will center around an inviting and dynamic entrance gallery and a new north entrance. This vibrant main space will encourage more connection and intellectual engagement.

Another key aspect of the renovation is the creation of “neighborhoods”—two-story areas that will create cohesiveness by joining the first and second library

levels with overlapping or related services.

The overall plan also draws out other horizontal and vertical connections. Currently, the library offers minimal visual and physical



The square footage of the Hesburgh Library’s first floor alone is the equivalent of the football field.

floor connections. A lone stairway joins the Lower Level and the first and second levels, which are characterized by expansive floor plates that are as wide and long as the length of a football field. The addition of other sets of open stairs between the first and second floors will shorten the

distance between library services and present a more connected, navigable and dynamic atmosphere.

Interior “lanterns” or skylights cut out of the second-level roof will allow for much-needed natural light and provide the space with added warmth and dimension. On the second floor, additional windows above the interior south entrance will unveil a dramatic view extending from the library quad to the stadium.

As funding is received, changes within the tower floors are also being implemented to enhance overall user experience. Book stacks, carrels and faculty offices will be moved away from exterior windows and replaced with individual seating for quiet study. Exposing previously obstructed window views will allow much-needed natural light to better penetrate each floor.

Each level will house a designated work area or enclave for graduate students designed to support advanced, independent study, while fostering communities of scholars with shared academic pursuits.

Each tower floor will also have an appointed reading room. This much-requested feature among graduate students and faculty enables scholars to browse, access and study materials right alongside related collections.

Renovation will address basic infrastructure issues as well. This will include increasing access to power, improving HVAC systems and removing asbestos. When the building was originally constructed, few electrical outlets were needed. Today, as portable and mobile technologies have become the standard, the number of outlets needed per student has increased dramatically.

Future phases are dependent on benefaction and will feature a widened concourse with expanded seating alcoves, a Scholar’s Lounge and a Theodore M. Hesburgh

Presidential Museum. Additionally, expanded and more visible space for Rare Books & Special Collections will provide a renewed presence for these unique and rare materials that support world-class programs across many academic disciplines.

Revamped workspaces for staff, a Grand Reading Room, Collaboration Hub, and Research Commons will join the recently added Center for Digital Scholarship, providing library patrons and employees with tools and environments to carry them into the 21st century.

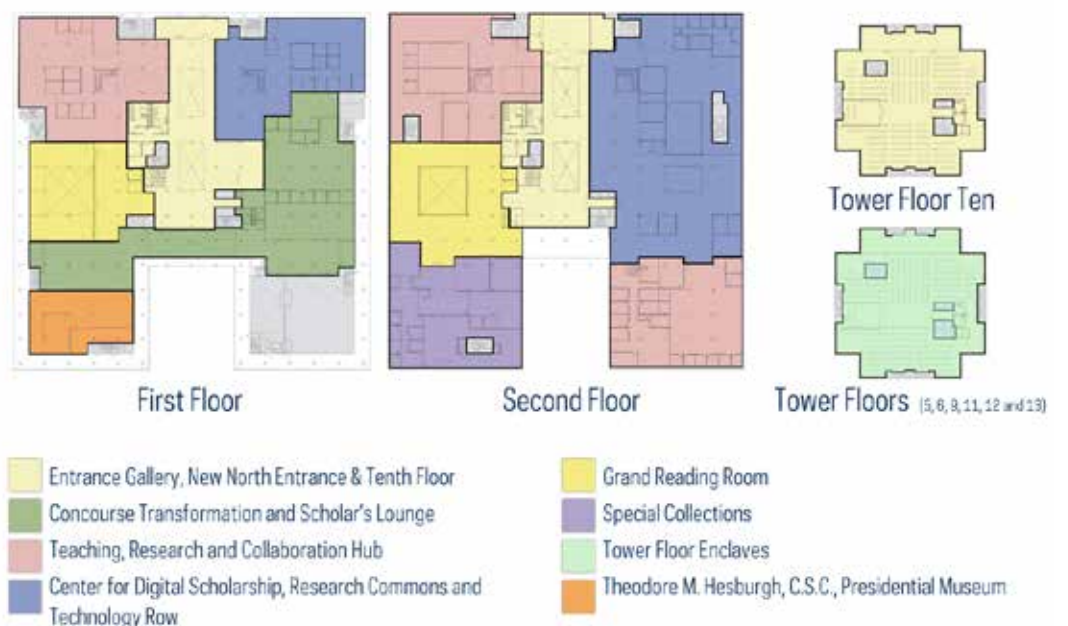
### An Inspired Future

In an interview for “Words of Life” by Bill Schmitt, Father Hesburgh remarked, “I wanted in 1963, and still desire today, for the [library] literally to stand for the future of Notre Dame as a place of unmatched

intellectual achievement, free inquiry and providential contributions to [hu]mankind. Let the library be a place on this campus where that hunger for truth will keep getting stronger, supporting freedom and justice around the world, inspiring excellence, and prodding us to bigger dreams.”

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# HESBURGH LIBRARY RENOVATION: PHASE ONE

## ENTRANCE GALLERY AND NEW NORTH ENTRANCE



Making Neighborhoods

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On Monday, Dec. 22, the Hesburgh Library will embark on the first phase of an extensive interior renovation.

In order to manage traffic flow and access to services and resources, Phase One construction of the new North Entrance Gallery and 10th floor renovation will be divided into two segments.

Phase 1-A will comprise the north end of the center core of the first and second floors. Construction will begin Dec. 22 and should be completed in mid-summer 2015.

Phase 1-B will encompass the southern half of the first and second floors, as well as the 10th floor. Work on these spaces will commence in the late spring and early summer of 2015, and be completed in late 2015 and early 2016.

### Creating Connections

The renovation will kick off with the installation of a new north entrance to the library. As student housing and construction of the McCourtney Hall science and engineering research facility expands campus to the north, an additional entrance on the north side of the library will provide easier access for increased traffic from that section of campus.

The north entrance will also introduce a new axial design to the library's first floor layout, a step that will allow for a grand overhaul of the library's core, research service point and circulation area.

Dubbed the "Entrance Gallery," the renewed space will encourage interaction and connection, with improvements that make the space more welcoming and user friendly. Enhanced exhibits, clusters of informal seating and increased natural light will create community while providing easy access to more prominently located services and resources.

### Making Neighborhoods

First and second floor "neighborhoods," in some instances connected by new stairways, are significant features in the overall building plan. The Entrance Gallery begins to introduce this concept of visual and physical connections of spaces within the library. Removing some walls and some portions of the second level floor, and allowing for simultaneous views of both levels, will effectively link the first and second floors.

### Introducing Natural Light

The addition of a skylight at the north end will add to the warmth and appeal of the space, and will

introduce much-needed natural light. Second floor interior windows added above the south entrance will also draw in additional natural light, will enhance the open and airy feel of the gallery below, and will offer an impressive, never-before-seen view out to the reflecting pool, Library Quad and football stadium.

### Transforming Learning Spaces

On the north end of the second level will be an appointed reading room for quiet, individual study. It will be glassed-in, allowing natural light to pass through. Currently walled off for office space, this new north view will overlook landscaped green space that will welcome those coming from nearby residence halls and other buildings. The new North Reading Room will provide an in-demand study space in advance of the Grand Reading Room, planned for the first floor in a future phase.

An overhaul of the 10th floor is the final element of this first phase project. All 10th floor materials will be moved to the lower level of the library, where they can be accessed throughout the renovation. In the post-renovation 10th floor, print collections will be relocated away from the existing windows, allowing for the flow of natural light into the space's open user areas. Improved spaces for quiet and contemplative work will include nooks with comfortable seating, a reading room and a graduate student enclave that features individual, assigned carrels. The goal of the plan is to build spaces in the tower that support advanced discipline-specific research and the creation of communities of scholars.



Creating Connections



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## Farewell to the FLOOR Open House

Refreshments, Music, Sign-the-Floor, and More!

Join us for an open house to launch Phase One of the Hesburgh Library Renovation. Say farewell to sections of the second floor, rows of wooden carrels and other familiar touchstones we've come to know and love.



**WHEN:**  
Wednesday  
December 10  
4 - 6 p.m.

**WHERE:**  
Hesburgh Library  
2nd Floor North



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# RENOVATION WEBSITE AND CONSTRUCTION NAVIGATION

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### ▶ PARDON OUR DUST.

The renovation website, [renovation.library.nd.edu](http://renovation.library.nd.edu), has tools designed to help faculty, staff and students know how and when to navigate access to library spaces and services.

There, viewers can also access the project vision, master building plan, schematics and news. Phases and Galleries sections will highlight before and after views, new floor plans and architectural renderings.



### ◀ GALLERIES

Join us throughout the Phase One renovation story. Viewers can follow the latest progress in the story of transformation through photos, webcams and time-lapse photography. Photo galleries and panoramic 360s of the current interior let you experience the space one last time—while before-and-after comparisons and architectural renderings reveal the transformative vision soon to be realized.

### ▶ REN-ALERTS

While the library will maintain its current operating hours, Ren-alerts will inform users of library construction work that affects library accessibility or causes disruptive activities and conditions. Although the noisiest and dirtiest work has been scheduled for times when the library sees the least traffic, users are encouraged to subscribe to email or RSS mobile alerts or to refer to the site for up-to-date postings.



### ◀ CONSTRUCTION MAPS



Site logistics and construction maps are also available online. They indicate which areas of the library are accessible during the course of the renovation, key dates and alternate traffic routes for users.

### ▶ COMMENTS

We will make every effort to inform the campus community about ongoing project timelines and milestones. Please offer feedback using the online form on the contact page of the renovation website, [renovation.library.nd.edu](http://renovation.library.nd.edu).

