Providing Opportunities for Academic Growth

Morgan REDESIGN

Extreme Makeover – Library Edition

With 26,000 weekly visits, students flock to our Morgan Library to study, work on papers, conduct research, and meet with professors and peers.

Having a quiet, comfortable study space can have an impact on the academic success of any student. So, too, can having group-study areas. Now, thanks to your generosity and a gift from the students, Morgan Library is the place to go for access to computers, areas to work with peers, help from librarians, and to study away from distraction.

Phase I of Morgan Redesign was completed this year, and when the students returned in the fall, they found:

- A completely refurbished Electronic Information Center, housing the largest computing center on campus with 330 desktop computers.
- New furniture throughout the Morgan Library’s study galleries, including 492 two-position study chairs, 16 lounge chairs/couches, 20 computer research stations, and 100 tables to accommodate four to six students working in collaborative groups.
- Six new group-study rooms, including two high-tech presentation rooms for students to work on multimedia presentations and assignments.
- 200 additional seats throughout the building.

This is wonderful. Great resources and comfy seats!
- Undergraduate Student

The end-of-year issue of Stay Connected is where my colleagues and I formally thank the donors to CSU Libraries. This newsletter is a public acknowledgement of our gratitude for your support.

Some years ago, I worked for a university librarian at Cornell who was fond of saying that if librarians were left to themselves, they would not ask anyone for anything. They would be perfectly happy reading their way through the collection. But we librarians do not do what we do for ourselves; we make a difference in the academic success of the students and faculty.

Your generosity benefits students and faculty in so many ways. You purchase books and journals, both electronic and paper; enable us to catalog and preserve archival documents and photographs; support author events and exhibits; and enhance the digital library program. Your support means that the CSU Libraries add value to the academic and cultural life of the campus.

On a personal note, I want to thank you for your commitment to the CSU Libraries. As I write this, I am preparing to leave to become the Dean of Libraries and Director of the Information Center at Georgia Institute of Technology. I leave the Libraries in very capable hands and expect that the faculty and staff will continue to strengthen services to meet the changing needs of today’s and future generations of Colorado State students and faculty.
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Information and technology are changing so rapidly that libraries are constantly pioneering new ways to provide access to information in the digital environment. The other side of the equation is preserving the information for future generations. Who knows what tomorrow’s technology and formats will be? Your gifts to the Morgan Library Support Fund mean that students, faculty, and staff have resources available when and how they need them. These funds allow us to respond to our users’ needs as they arise and enable us to be on the cutting edge, not lagging behind.

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CSU Libraries has continued in its commitment to serve as a cultural center for not only the campus but for the community as well. Thanks to your generosity to the Friends of CSU Libraries, we hosted numerous author events, lectures, exhibits, and displays in the Archives and Special Collections and the First National Bank Gallery. Each program deepened our understanding and awakened in us new passions for learning and creativity.

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This program cultivates a shared appreciation for the literature and landscape of the West. These organizations and individuals supported the visit of nationally known author, Hampton Sides, to Fort Collins and to the Laramie County Public Library System in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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As we all strive to “Go Green” and become more environmentally conscious, the history of water resource development plays an increasingly significant role in determining the future of water use in our state.

The Water Resources Archive is our state’s only archive dedicated solely to documenting the history of water. This year, several new collections from individuals, corporations, and organizations have been added to the collection, with a highlight being the papers of W.D. Farr. Your gifts are helping to ensure that this history is preserved and digitized so future generations may learn about one of our state’s most precious resources.

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Preserving the past for the future generations is vital.
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I feel as if the past has surrounded me and clarified the present.
– Graduate Student
The foundation of every state is the education of its youth and libraries play a critical role in the education process. Great libraries help make great universities, attracting scholars, outstanding teachers, and talented students. Your gifts to the Morgan and University Libraries Endowment and the endowments of each of the colleges, ensure our financial health and promise to sustain the Library long into the future.

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Like other favored companions, great books are forever part of those who encounter them. In this column, we ask participants to name a book or books that have impacted their lives.

Who wouldn’t love being surrounded by books on a daily basis? For readers and lovers of books, a library seems like the ideal place to work. In reality, my day, and those of other Library staff members, is never spent reading for pure pleasure. I don’t walk among the stacks breathing in the smell of books and touching the bindings, reading the flaps and fly pages, or looking at covers to select my next great read, my next escape, or my next learning opportunity. Much of my daytime reading is technical journals, professional literature, reports, documents, etc. But at home and in my personal life, well, that’s a completely different story.

Growing up, one of my prized possessions was my bookshelf. I had a large walk-in closet, and when you walked in, there on the right was the bookshelf. On those shelves were my most loved books. I remember my mother reading *Little Women* to me as I lay in bed with the mumps and measles. I began a love of horses when reading Marguerite Henry’s *Misty of Chincoteague, King of the Wind*, and others in her series. Other favorites that were read to me, and then I read over and over again, were *The Adventures of Reddy Fox* and *Uncle Wiggly’s Story Book*. And of course, no young girl’s library is complete without a set of Nancy Drew mysteries.

I don’t think books ever fell out of favor, but there certainly was a long dry spell where time was limited and reading wasn’t a priority. Thankfully, that period has long ended and my shelves are now again filled, in fact, overflowing. I literally have hundreds of books that are waiting for me to open them. Books are stacked two and three deep, in piles on the floor, in baskets scattered through the rooms of my house, and, naturally, shared with friends. From mysteries to biographies, from history to current events, from chick lit to business, no topic, subject, or writer is off limits. From escapism to thought-provoking works, my bookshelves are filled with a little of everything. I often read several books at once, and now I am reading *The Necklace*, a book about 13 women who together purchased a diamond necklace and the experiment in sharing and friendship; *The Lace Reader*, a mystery set in Salem, Mass.; *The Billionaire’s Vinegar*, about the most expensive bottle of wine ever sold and supposedly owned by Thomas Jefferson; and lastly, *The Measure of a Man*, the autobiography of Sidney Poitier.

Each day, I realize just how lucky I am to have my life surrounded with books. My husband and I travel often to southern Africa, and nowhere is it more evident how critically important books and reading materials are. On a trip to Tanzania, we were out in the countryside when children came up to us with their hands outstretched. Since we had just arrived, we hadn’t exchanged any currency nor did we have anything to give away. I felt so embarrassed. Our guide gently said, “Look around you. What good would money be out here? They want paper, pencils, and books for school.” That has always stuck with me. The books I had taken for granted throughout my life were a precious commodity for these children. No bookshelves filled with lots of reading materials, but a place where having a few books in a classroom for all to share was a luxury.

Fast forwarding a long story, I was so moved by so many children’s desire to read and have books that I began working with a primary school in South Africa in 2001 to build a library and collection of books for the teachers and students. I’m proud to say that the library was turned over to the South African Department of Education in late 2004 and is fully functioning for the 32 teachers and 1,400 students of the Hlau Hlau Primary School and community. Books truly can be the bridge among people throughout the world. With more than 12,000 books in English and tribal languages, they, too, can have the pleasure of reading or being read to and hearing the stories that you and I grew up with.
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