# "Build the Block"

### Amplifying the liberal arts experience at Colorado College

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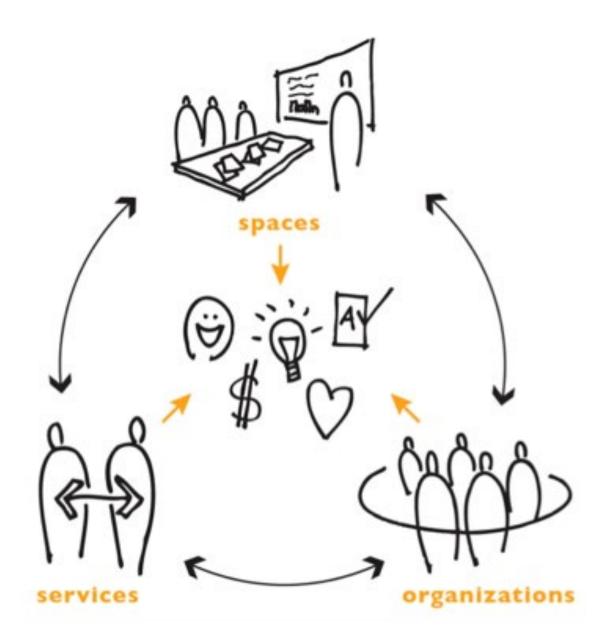


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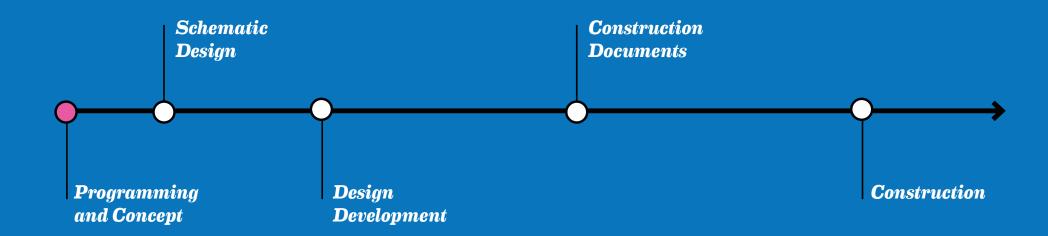


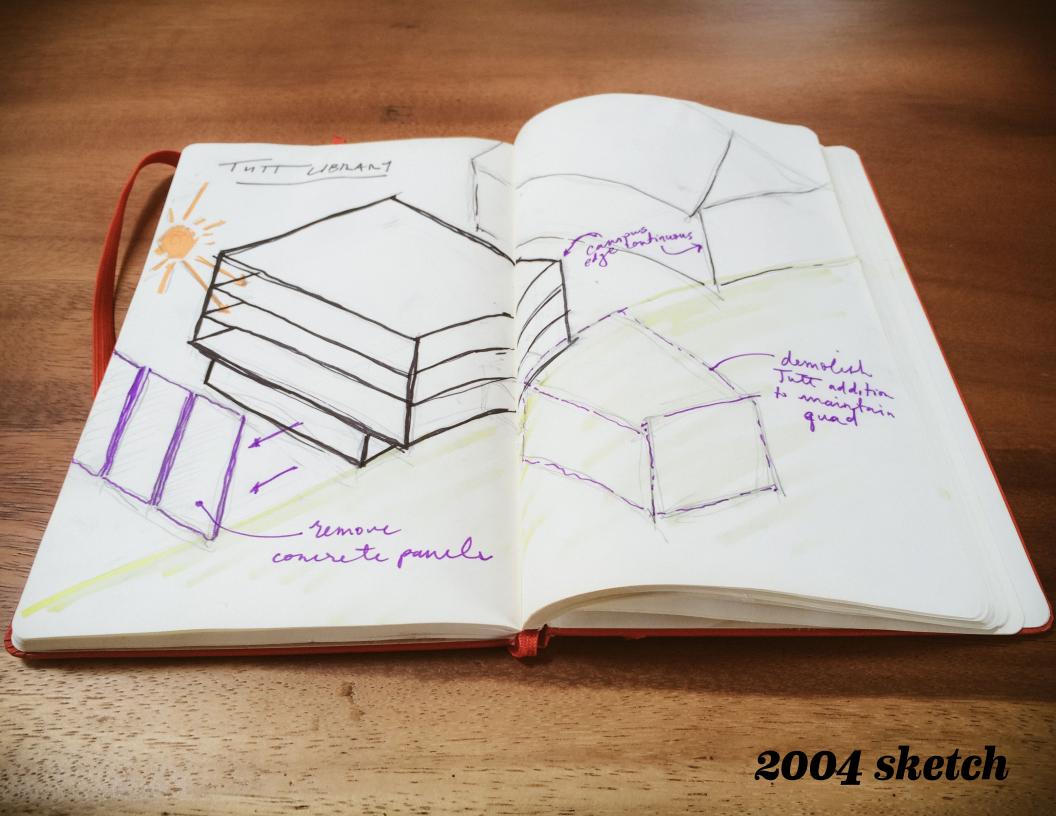


# **Our Experience**



# the Process

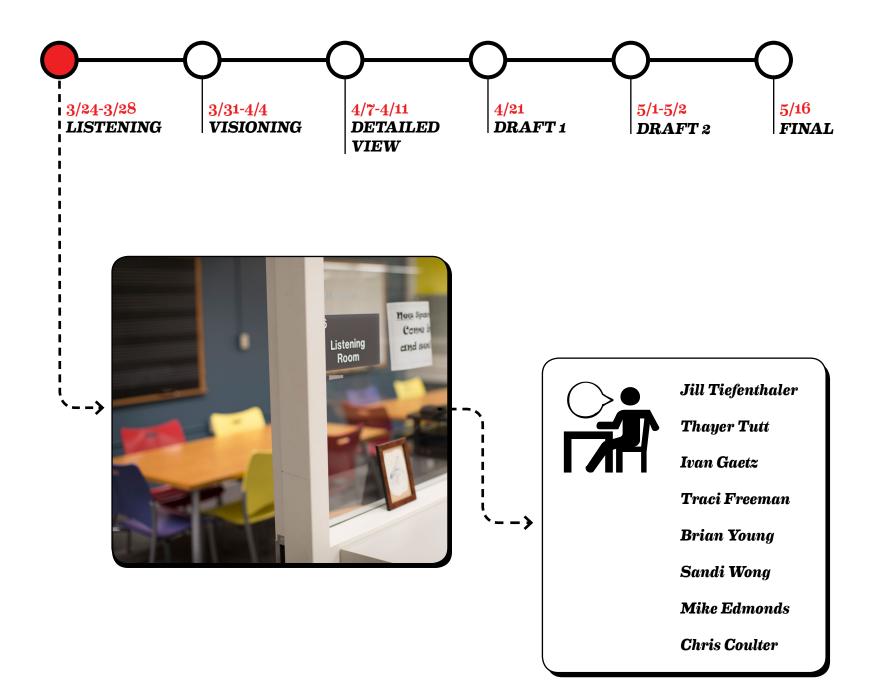


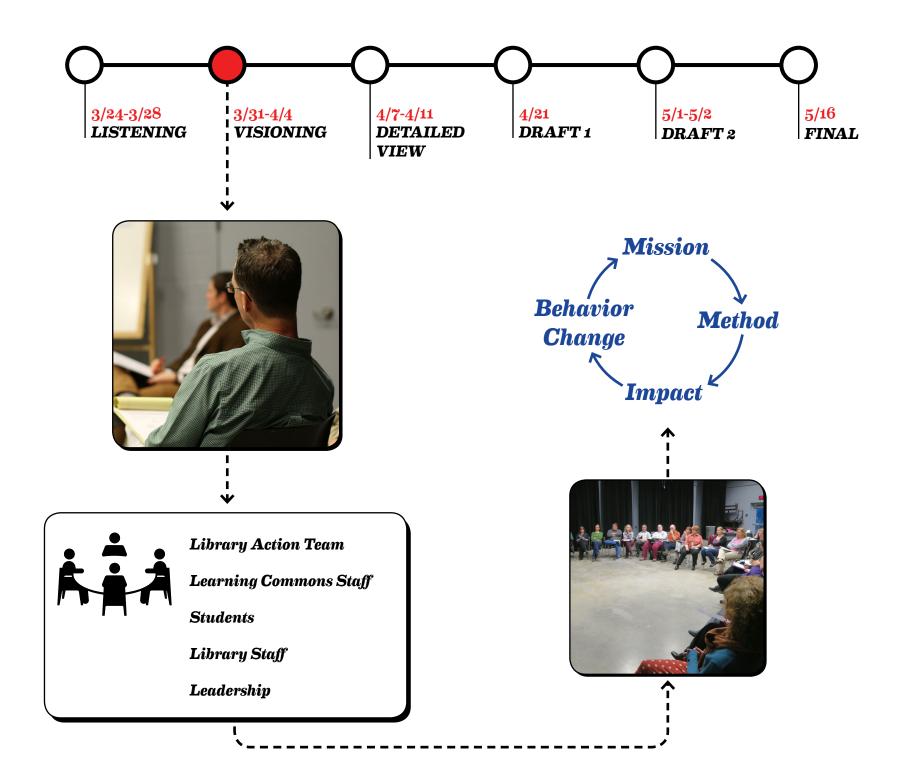


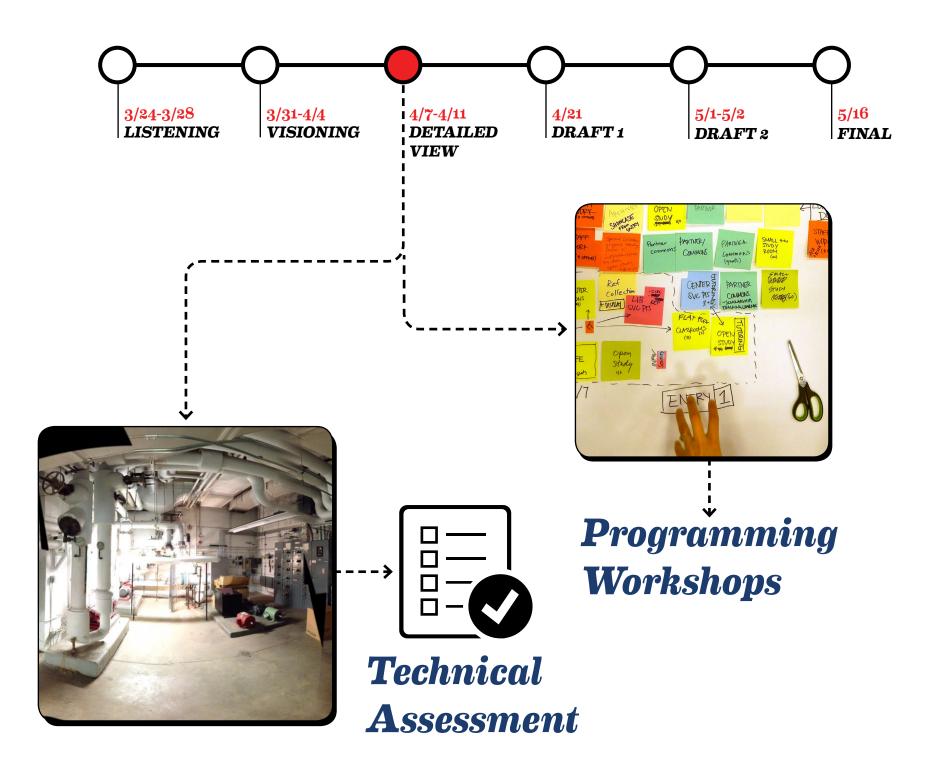


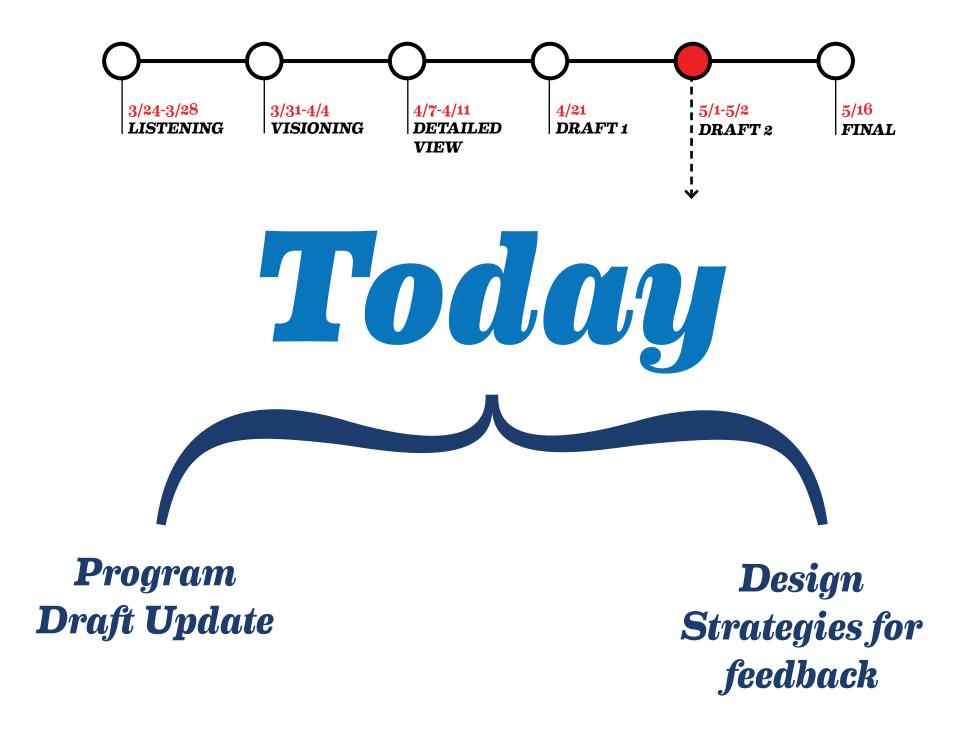
8 weeks











# 240 Collaborators

13 Workshops

Alert

**30** Interviews





Amplify the liberal arts experience at CC

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Create a project that expands, responds to, and showcases the block plan

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 Improved student work
Increased academic & social interactions
Increased campus diversity

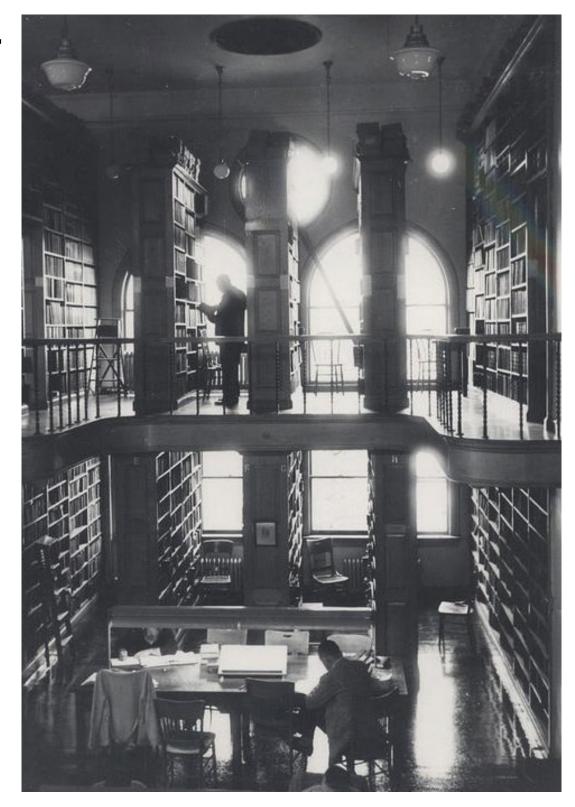


All members of the CC community regularly utilize the full spectrum of resources

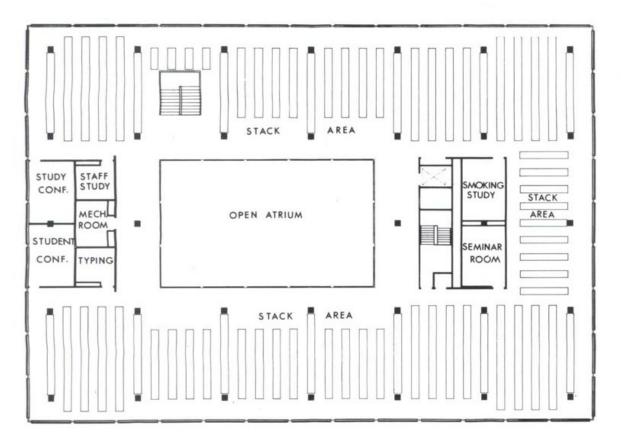
### **Coburn Library**

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### **Coburn Library**







#### Tutt Library 1961

SOM designed the library as an inward looking building, with narrow windows to the bright outside.

Facades of the Library are reserved, narrowly windowed, but the bulk of the building is broken down into components, avoiding the massive character sought by yesterday's campus libraries.

Architectural Record Review 1962



### Walter Netsch

the architectural legacy of Tutt

"Praiseworthy modern architecture is an absorption and synthesis of the society around us—the physical manifestation of the ability and drive to see beyond accepted solutions and aesthetics. The critical difference between good and mediocre architecture is the depth of the design search, with both its joys and sorrows."



#### **US Air Force Academy** 1959

"We believe that the architectural concepts of the Academy buildings should represent ...in steel and glass, marble and stone the simple, direct, **modern way of life** that they should be as modern, as time-less, and as style-less in their architectural concept, as efficient and as flexible in their basic layout as the most modern projected aircraft."

#### Walter Netsch

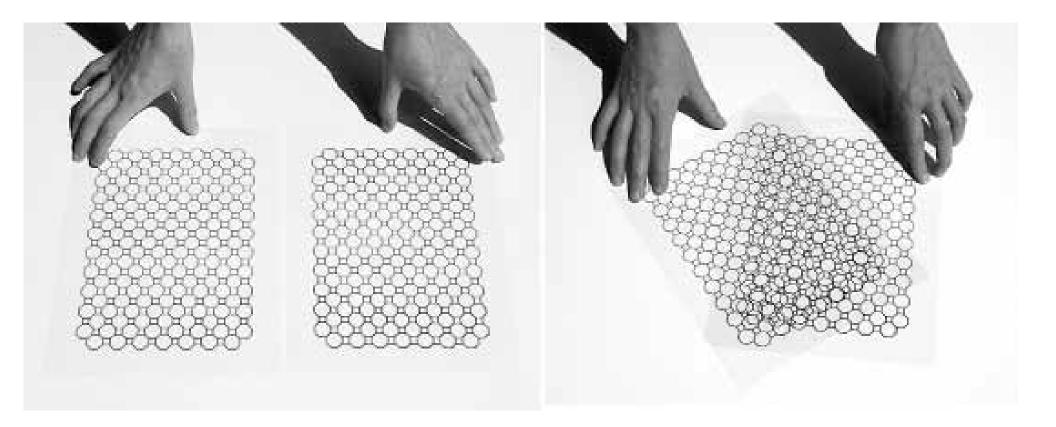
From Martin Felsen and Sarah Dunn, Field Theory: Water Netsch's Design Methodology 2008

#### **US Air Force Academy** 1962

"The chapel at the Air Force Academy remains a reminder of a time when architects were optimistic about proposing answers to issues of tradition, symbolism and cultural values."

Nathaniel Owings, SOM 2008

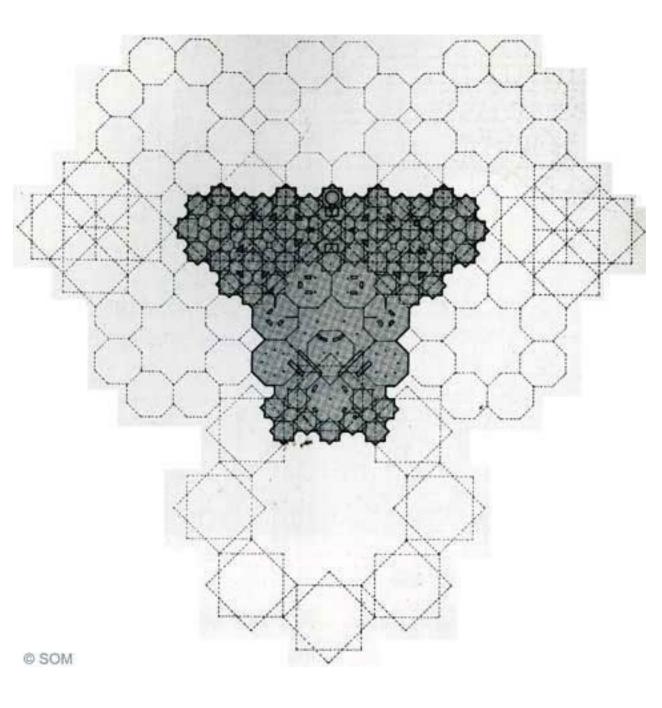
### **Field Theory**



"We were interested in a systems-based approach to design, not an a priori approach," "We keep trying to find new ways to see things," "Our Field Theory is a process of looking at things differently, and of ordering too."

Walter Netsch

C. Ray Smith, Supermannerism: New Attitudes in Postmodern Architecture (New York: Dutton, 1977), 28.



### **Field Theory**

"...**Field theory allowed Netsch to break the Miesian box** by three primary functions..."

- **1st**, it provide aesthetic and psychological variety;

- **2nd**: it provided programmatic and structural flexibility in that it was used as an open-ended design system

- **3rd**: it allowed for economical change over time because it reestablished a unifying design objective.

Walter Netsch: Field Theory: Martin Felsen and Sarah Dunn, Chicago Architecture: Histories, revisions, alternatives ed. Charles Waldheim

#### Natural History Museum 1964

Natural History Museum 196

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#### **University of Illinois Chicago Campus** 1964

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Art and Architecture at UIC 1964

#### Northwestern Library 1964



"Books and readers would be interwoven, and the entire building would become a system for simultaneous storage, display, and use of books by unsupervised students." "By developing an individual-centered use...the concept reflects the direction toward self-study." Walter Netsch

Quoted by David Goodman Five Histories in Walter Netsch: Critical Appreciation and Sourtcebook: 2008



**University of Chicago Library** 1971



# How libraries are changing

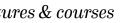


network of collections



partnerships, new services lectures & courses



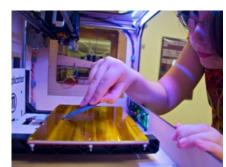




exhibitions



more, varied, flexible



activity & user specific



for staff and users



community building



convenient



where you need it

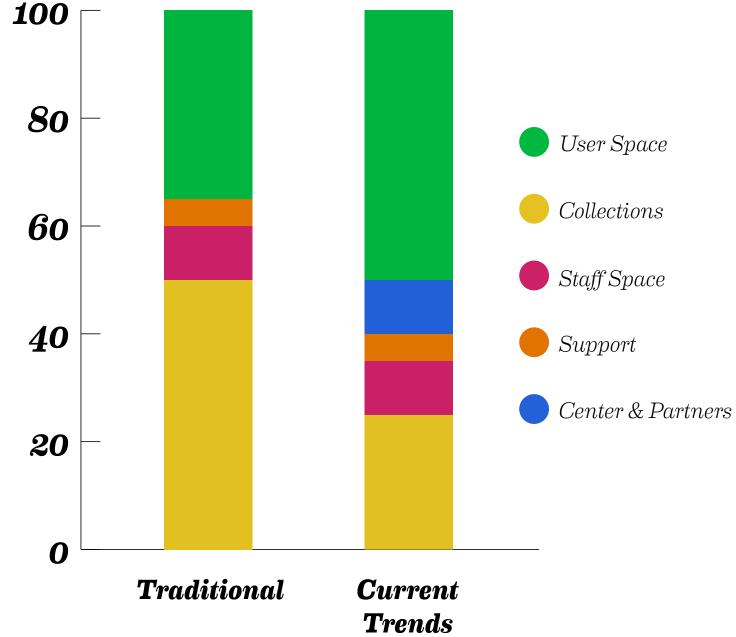


beyond the walls



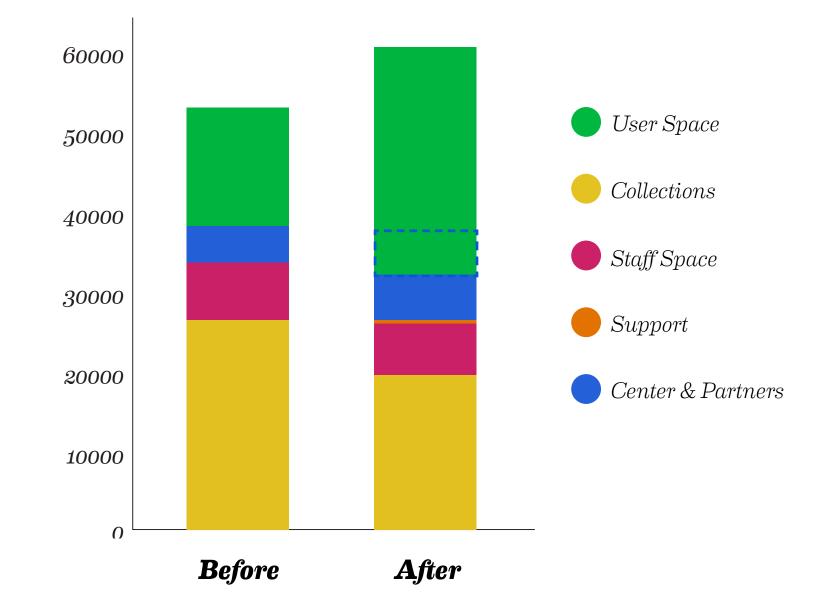
consultative support

### Where libraries are going Shifting from collections focus to user space

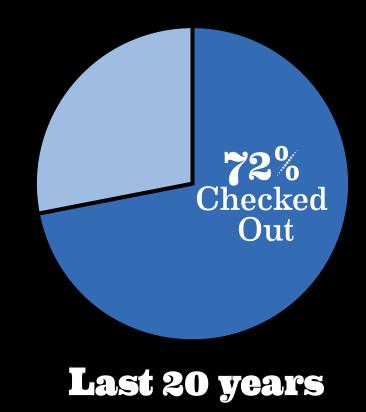


## Current and future program

From 1/2 books to 2/3 people



## the Block & the Book



The nature of the block plan creates demand for immediate access to resources. This rate of circulation significantly exceeds that of other comparable libraries. Specific collections have greater opportunity for weeding / off-site storage, while others show clear demands for immediate access.

# **Collections Strategy**

- Rebalance collections and user space - implement weeding and off-site strategy
- Preserve access to key collections
- Highlight special collections and archives
- Keep off-site collections readily available
- Continue to increase digital collections

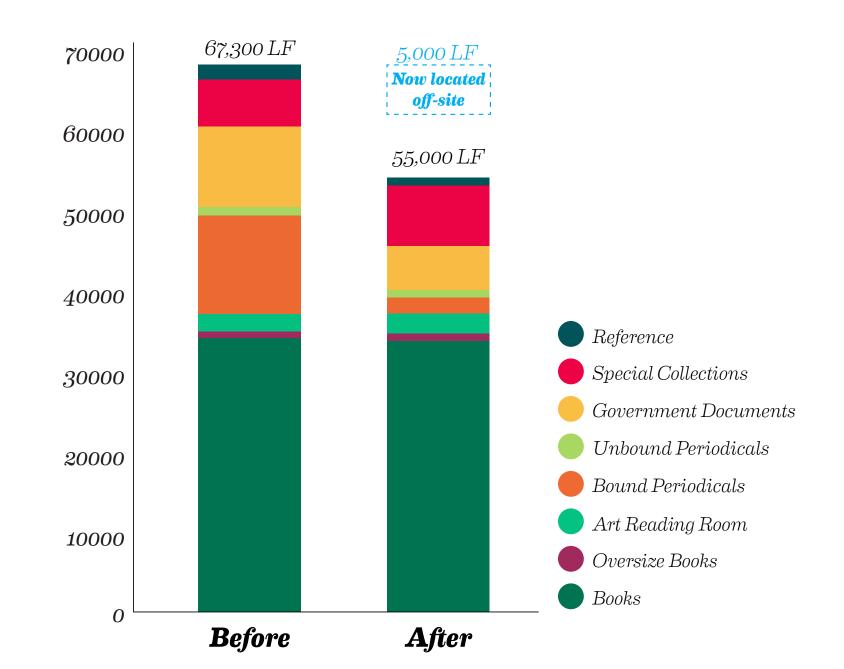






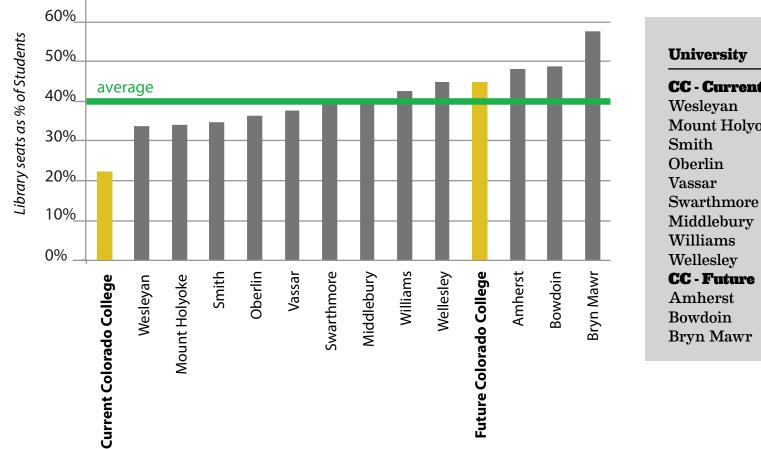
## Collections

## Space reduced by 25% while enabling growth in key areas



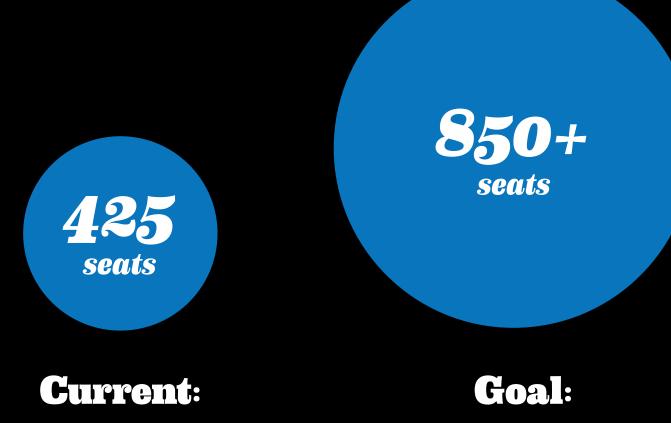
## Space for students

Increased focus on creating space for a larger % of students



University	Seats	Students	% of Students
CC - Current	425	1,900	22%
Wesleyan	982	2,900	<b>34</b> %
Mount Holyoke	747	2183	<b>34</b> %
Smith	919	2,650	35%
Oberlin	1,053	2,900	36%
Vassar	907	2,400	38%
Swarthmore	605	1,534	39%
Middlebury	996	2450	<b>41</b> %
Williams	909	2,131	43%
Wellesley	1,030	2,300	$45^{\%}$
CC - Future	850	1,900	45%
Amherst	859	1,785	48%
Bowdoin	874	1,792	49%
Bryn Mawr	747	1,300	57%

# Increasing access



19.5% of students

**Goal:** 42% of students

# Diversity of user space



gathering & event



exhibition spaces



neighborhoods, 24/7



smart booths



touchdown space



collaborative computing



reading room



semi-enclosed nooks



group study & collab.



presentation practice



multipurpose instruct'n



makerspace



media production



immersive visualizat'n



digitization



innovation & creativity

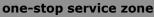


faculty services center



graduate studio







café

# Service Strategies

- Integrate Partners
- Co-locate service points
- Preserve face-to-face, personalized services
- Design flexible consult spaces
- Provide access to experts



# How can services share space?

#### Visiting

Schedule hours in the library in spaces shared with other partners or users

#### Satellite

Dedicated space for select services and/or hours; key service point elsewhere

#### Storefront

Key service point is in the library, but offices/ back of house are elsewhere

#### **Co-located**

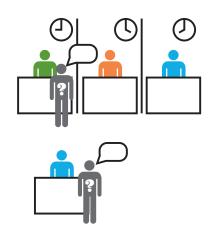
All front and back of house spaces are located in the library, but partners remain separate

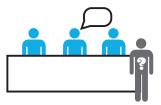
#### **Collaborative**

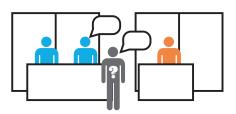
Campus partners provide complementary services in an integrated manner.

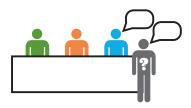
#### Embedded

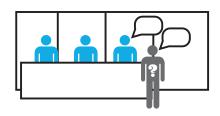
All partner spaces are located in library and retain distinct identity, yet staff integrated.











## New Service Strategies

Organization	FTE	Storefront	<b>Co-located</b>	Embedded
Colket Center	10.5		a a	pr
<b>Crown Center</b>	1			
<b>International Programs</b>	4			
Office of Sustainability	1			
Collaborative for Community Engagement	4.5			
Office of field study	1		a a	
Undergrad Research / Thesis & Fellowship Support	.5		o o	
In Residence Programs	1			
Pedagogy Researcher	1			
Alumni Liaison	1			
<b>Disability Services</b>	1			

# 

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## Expand

**1.** Connection to landscape

**2.** Engagement with committed library staff

**3.** Experience of the book

**4.** Integrated support services

**5.** Multi-use public space

**6.** Accessible technology

## Respond

**1.** Make it accessible and welcoming

**2.** Create diverse learning environments

**3.** Create maker space

**4.** Encourage collaboration

**5.** Catalyze informal interactions

**6.** Allow for private but visible study

## Showcase

**1.** History of the book

**2.** Character of Colorado

**3.** Learning as performance

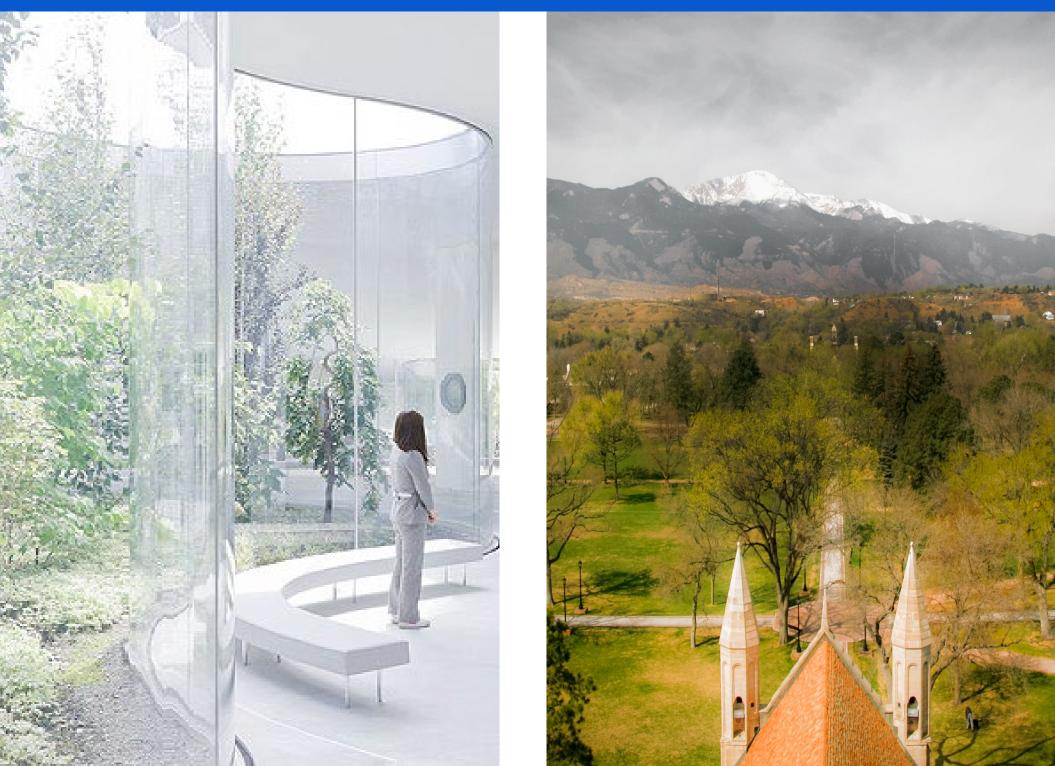
**4.** Immersive technology

**5.** Interior ecology

6. Bringing field work in



#### **Expand** Connection to Landscape



#### **Expand** Experience of the book

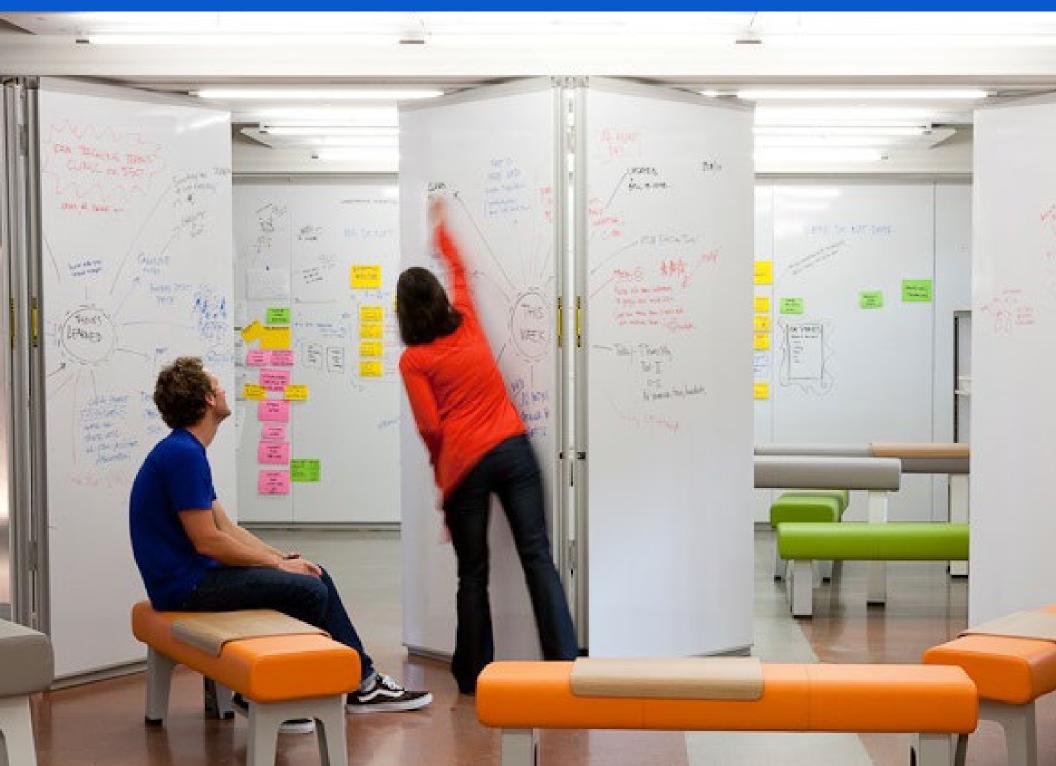


#### **Expand** Engagement with committed library staff





#### **Respond** Create collaboration space



#### **Respond** Catalyze informal interaction with 'Lily pad' space



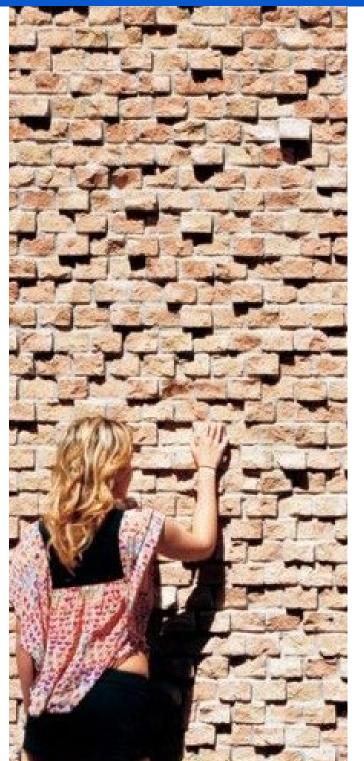
#### **Respond** Create diverse learning environments





#### Showcase Character of Colorado







## Showcase Bring field work in



#### Showcase Spirit of adventure





## **\$45,424,000**<sup>°</sup>

**A. Contracted Construction B. In-House Services C.** Professional Services **D.** Fixed Equipment **E. Movable Furniture and Equipment F. Relocation Costs G. Utility Extensions and Diversions H. Government Permits and Fees I. Overall Project Contingency** 

\$31,000,000.00 \$428,000.00 \$5,650,000.00 \$400,000.00 \$2,190,000.00 \$720,000.00 \$332,000.00 \$184,000.00 \$4,520,000.00

\*Preliminary budget based on combination of construction costs estimated by JE Dunn using typical per square foot multipliers and additional costs based on 2008 study. More specific costing to be developed in later stages.

## Construction

## **\$31MM**

<b>Option A</b>
(New Building)

<b>Renovate Tutt Library</b>	17.2MM
Demolish Tutt South	435K
29,000 ft <sup>2</sup> New	13.4 <b>MM</b>

**Option B** (Up and Over)

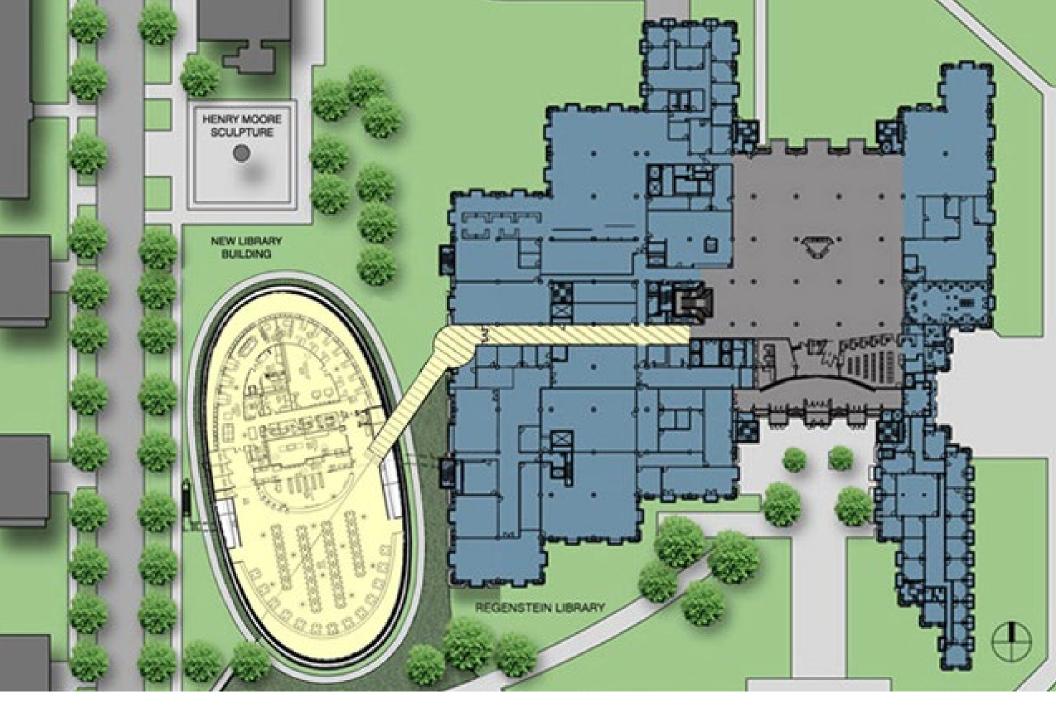
Renovate Tutt Library	17.2MM
Demolish Tutt South	<b>435K</b>
15,000 ft <sup>2</sup> New Floor on Tutt	<b>5.9MM</b>
16,000 ft New	<b>7.5MM</b>

**Option C** (Recycle + Expand) Renovate Tutt Library17.2MMRenovate Tutt South6.5MM16,000 ft 2 New7.5MM





**University of Chicago Library** 1971



## **University of Chicago Library** 2011

Renovated by Helmet Jahn



#### **University of Chicago Library** 2011

Renovated by Helmet Jahn



#### **Two Columbus Circle**

Edward Durell Stone 1964 renovated by Allied Works 2008



#### **Yale Art and Architecture School**

Paul Rudolph 1963 renovated by Gwathmey Siegel & Associates 2008



#### **Clare T. Carney Library UMass Dartmouth**

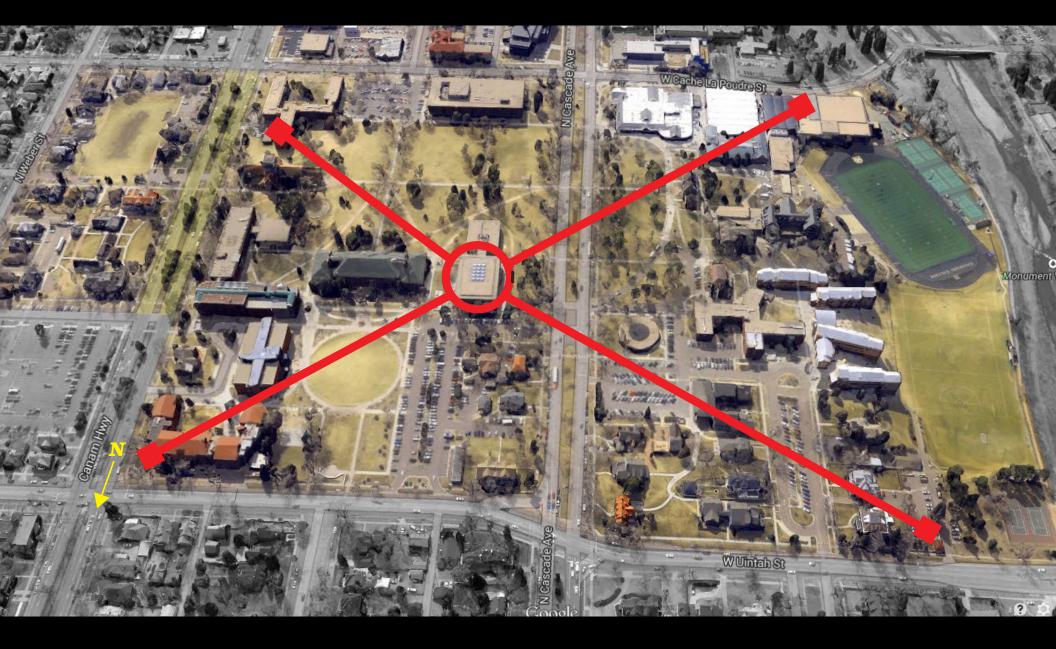
Paul Rudolph 1963 renovated by Design Lab 2012



# the center of CC



## the physical center



## the physical center

## presently there is only one focal point - the entrance

WiCache

A new outward looking hub

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WCachell

# A beacon of CC

ade

WCache

Uniting the quads and campus

W/Cache