

COLORADO COLLEGE  
BUILDING ON THE BLOCK

# Colorado College's Library for the Future



The Tutt Library renovation is the largest capital building project in Colorado College history. Located at the crossroads of campus, the library will have a striking presence within the city of Colorado Springs.



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# Academic Engagement at the Heart of Campus



The college plans to invest \$45 million to expand and enhance its library. The project reimagines the mid-century building, constructed in 1962 prior to the inception of the Block Plan, as an open and welcoming facility designed specifically for the needs of current and future students.

CC's reimagined library will become the first library built for the Block Plan and its design will complement the college's distinctive place in the Rocky Mountain West.





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## The Go-To Place for Collaboration

“Spending eight hours together in one room at Tutt Library working through a complex project with my environmental science classmates may sound like a grueling exercise, but collaborations like this one have provided some of my most memorable Colorado College experiences.

The library is the go-to place for students when we need to work together. It’s also the one place we can find help with research, whether that’s by working with a research librarian or by accessing trusted, in-depth collections that simply cannot be found with standard internet-based searches.

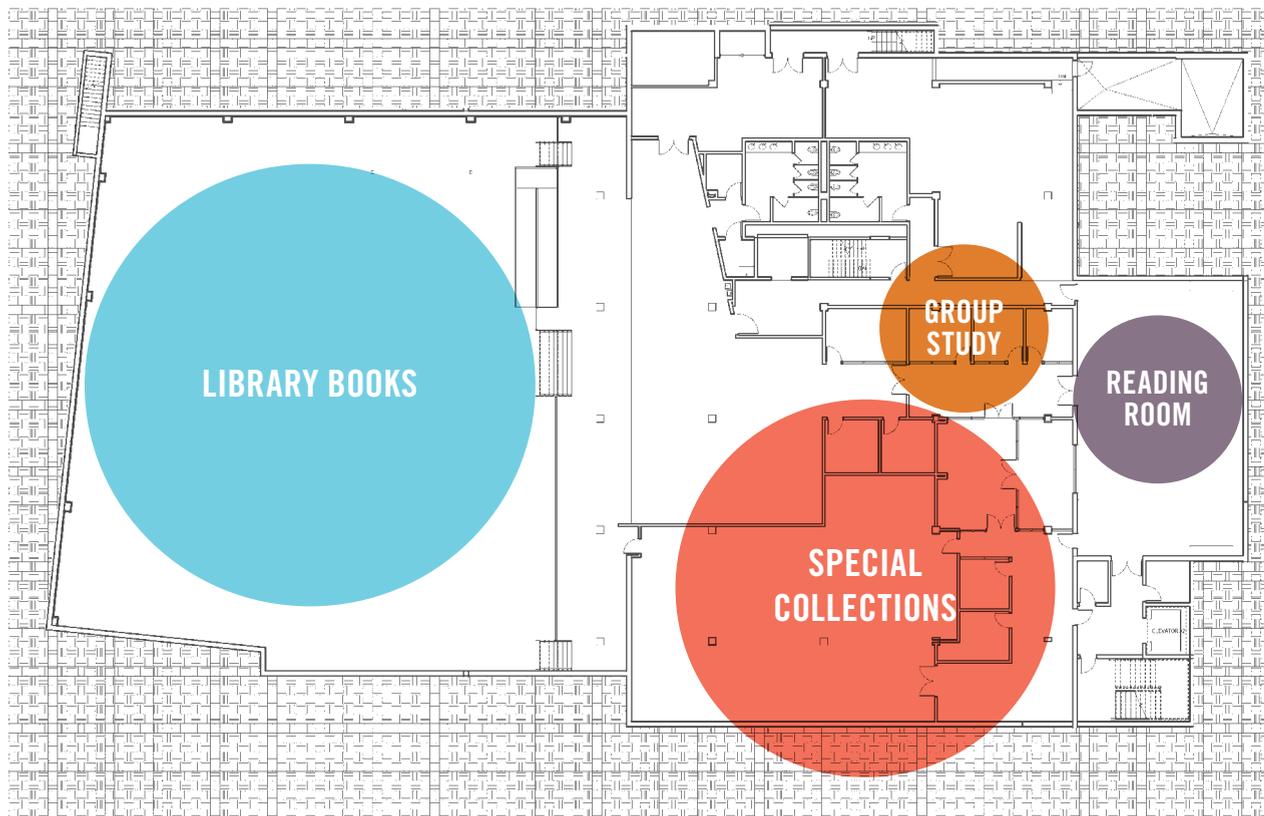
Collaboration is a big part of CC’s model for learning. Additional areas for collaboration, better technology, and white boards to capture our ideas are some ways the renovated library will make CC even better.”

Marissa Maurelli '17



## THE GARDEN LEVEL

will house a large portion of the library's books, as well as Special Collections.



At Colorado College, students experience a residential liberal arts experience grounded in a sense of place — at CC, in Colorado, and within the American Southwest. The dedicated faculty who teach at CC work closely with students throughout their four years, fostering their development in small classes, field studies, and study-abroad opportunities. Students at CC choose from 42 undergraduate majors and 33 minors or a master of arts in teaching program. To thrive on the Block Plan, all of these students require a learning space where they can study, conduct research, access digital and traditional resources, and collaborate. The renovation will help achieve the college's strategic plan, "Building on the Block," which calls for a reimagined library that will create such a space and bring together the CC community in structured and unstructured ways.

Built in 1962 and pre-dating the inception of the Block Plan, Tutt Library has served Colorado College well for more than half a century. **The renovated and updated library will become the intellectual hub of campus — reimagined and rebuilt to meet the evolving needs of CC students and faculty.** Architecturally significant, it will be stunning from the outside, while inside it will provide a comfortable, collaborative space that includes the technology our students and faculty require to enhance teaching and learning. This new space will help to define the college for coming generations, raising CC's profile among prospective students and faculty.



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## Bringing CC's Collections to Life

“Some of my favorite moments happen when a class comes alive over a new subject; soon I’m fetching books for them.

A student in the First-Year Experience program spread out every edition of Milton’s “Paradise Lost” in Special Collections to compare versions versions through the centuries. Other students have conducted original research for their senior thesis, inspiring them toward careers in the humanities, mathematics, biology, history – and even book arts.

I often tell students, ‘These materials are unique. If something happens to them, they are gone forever.’ So, I’m excited that all the materials in the renovated Special Collections will be stored in a temperature- and humidity-controlled environment.

You never know what will be the most valuable resources for future researchers. I consider it my responsibility to make sure that these materials are available to CC students and other researchers now and 100 years from now.”

# Jessy Randall

**Curator and Archivist, CC Special Collections**

Rooftop terraces and student study spaces provide a striking view of the surrounding area.



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# An Intellectual Hub for CC's Campus

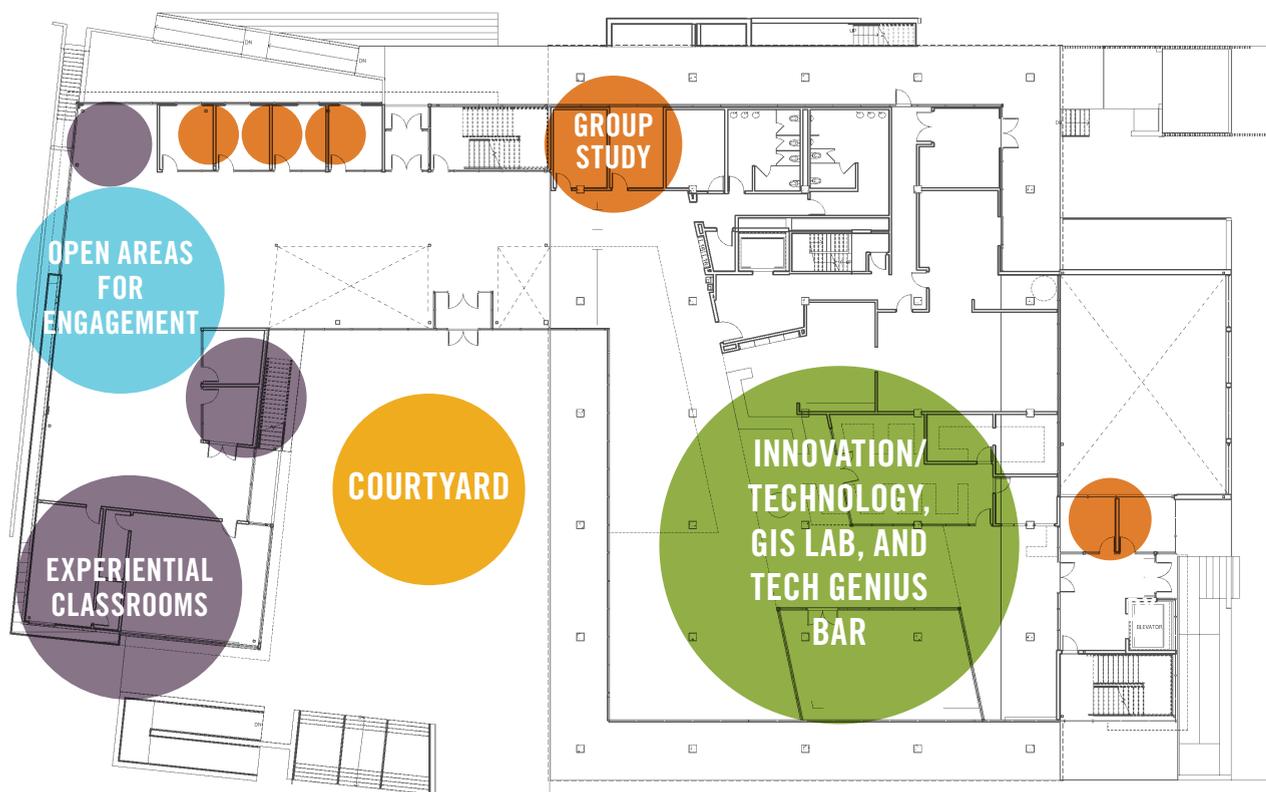


An experimental classroom will include technology that gives faculty expanded flexibility for teaching and innovation.



## THE FIRST FLOOR

where expansive spaces will be dedicated to technology, exploration, and collaborative research.



**Technology will be infused seamlessly throughout the building and in specially focused areas.** This space anticipates the rhythm of the Block Plan, accommodating students when they're not in class and even when they're not on campus by providing them with tools, expert instruction, and access to information 24 hours per day. Laboratories for Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and data visualization; a dedicated area for technology support; and a technology space for exploring digital caves and enhanced digital walls will make an incredible array of technology and instruction available and accessible to students and faculty.

CC will make a variety of electronic collections immediately available to students whether they're

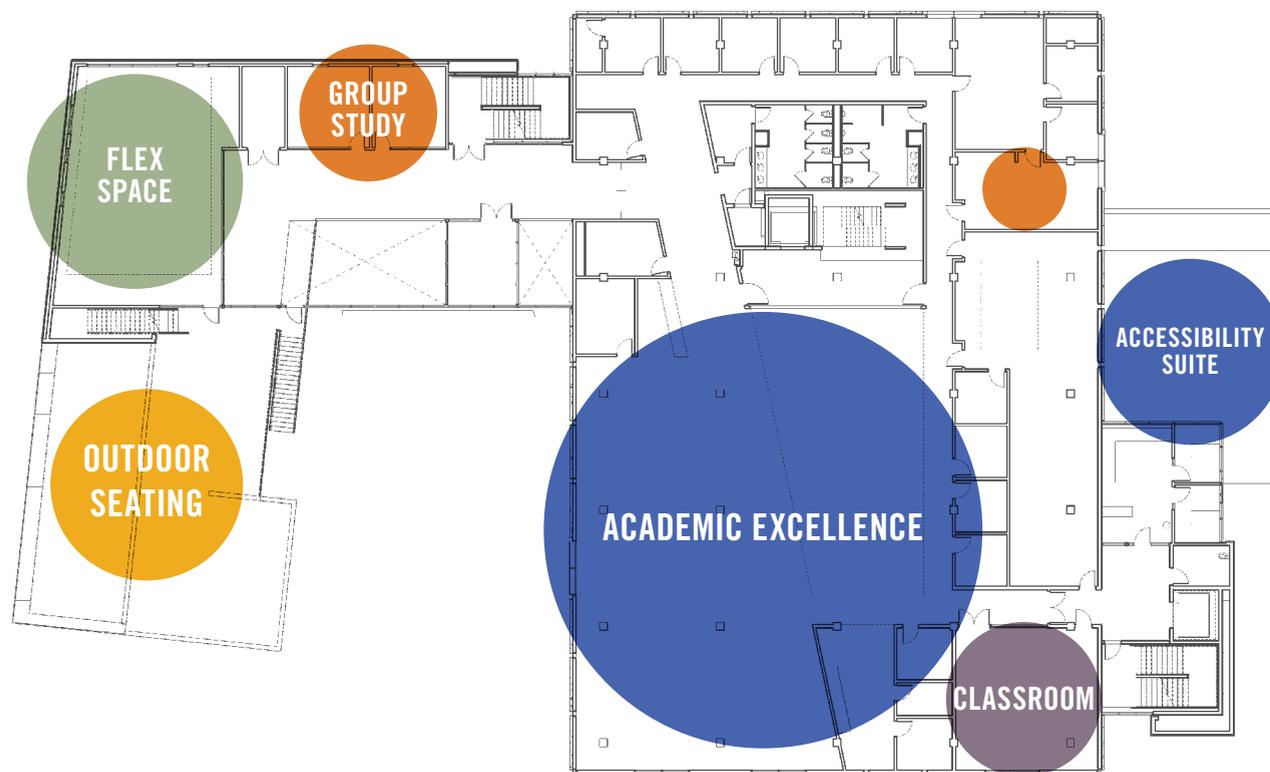
accessing them in person, from residence halls or other areas of campus, or from study-abroad locations. In the new facility, increased investment in electronic resources will expand "Digital CC" — a collection of digital resources — to hundreds of thousands of e-books and digital archives.

With a more comprehensive array of research tools, librarians will help students to delve more deeply into the subjects they are researching and studying. And, thanks to extended service hours, students will be able to access resources on their busy, block-driven schedules.

# Centralizing Academic Support

## THE SECOND FLOOR

will be the one-stop shop for helping students succeed academically on the Block Plan.



The renovated library will coordinate most academic services in one space and serve as a point of reference that makes all services easy to find. A full list includes:

- Accessibility Resources
- Collaborative for Community Engagement
- The Colket Center for Academic Excellence, which includes:
  - » the Quantitative Reasoning Center;
  - » the Writing Center;
  - » an English-as-a-second-language specialist; and
  - » a reading, rhetoric, and first-year programs specialist
- Crown Faculty Center
- Information Technology Services
- Instructional Technology Services and Genius Bar
- International Programs
- Office of Field Study
- Sustainability Office
- Undergraduate Research Support



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According to Pfeiffer Partners Architects, the renovation of CC's library is on track to become the first academic library space of its size to have a net-zero construction. It will generate sufficient energy on site for all the energy used in the building annually. Additionally, rooftop and integrated solar systems will produce renewable energy necessary to offset any emissions.



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# A Sustainable Building



The third floor features a full-service café, outdoor and open seating as well as group study areas.

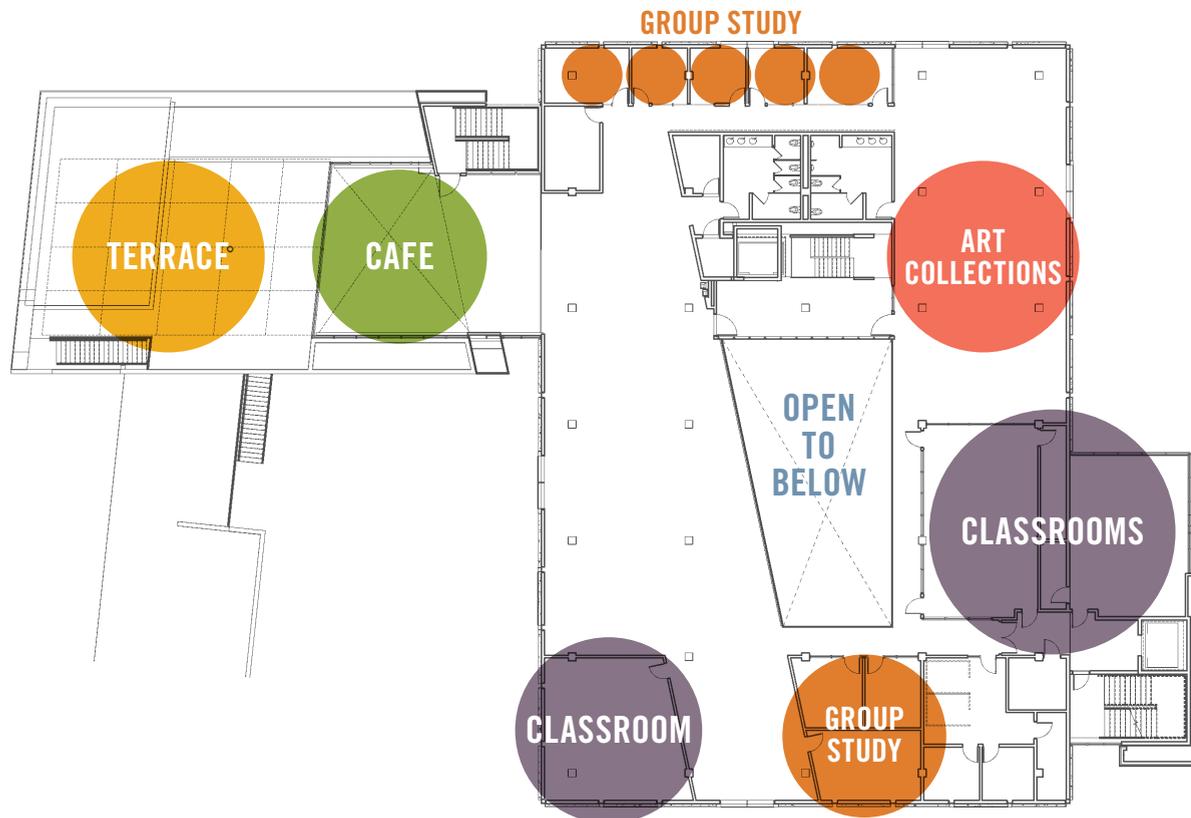
# Cafe



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## THE THIRD FLOOR

will feature a café and outside seating on a terrace.  
Most of the floor will be devoted to open seating.



The library renovation will:

**+20K**

Add an additional 20,000 square feet;



**X 2**

double the amount of seating;

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**NET 0**

and be a model of sustainable design  
with net-zero construction.



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## Let the Sunshine In!

“When I traveled from my home in Tucson, Arizona, to visit Colorado College as a high school senior, I was sold right away — the people, the mountains, and the Colorado sunshine all made me feel at home. However, my enthusiasm darkened somewhat when I walked through the library. Some light entered the building on the first floor, but the second floor and the basement were very dark — not the types of spaces I envisioned spending time delving into coursework with the intense focus the Block Plan requires.

I’m thrilled to hear that the plans for the renovated library call for more windows! More light will help make the space more comfortable.

Just think about what this new library will mean for students!”

Jaxon Rickel '16

## By the Numbers

### Comparing Available Library Seating of Highly Selective Liberal Arts Colleges, 2014

College	Seats as % of Students	Seats	Students
<b>CC (current)</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>2,036</b>
Wesleyan	34%	982	2,900
Mount Holyoke	34%	747	2,183
Smith	35%	919	2,650
Oberlin	36%	1,053	2,900
Vassar	38%	907	2,400
Swarthmore	39%	605	1,534
Middlebury	41%	996	2,450
Williams	43%	1,030	2,131
Wellesley	45%	1,030	2,300
Amherst	48%	859	1,785
Bowdoin	49%	874	1,792
<b>CC (goal)</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>1,078</b>	<b>2,036</b>
Bryn Mawr	57%	747	1,300

Interior and Exterior Spaces Post Renovation Will Include

Approximately  
**20,000**  
square feet of additional  
interior space

Approximately  
**11,000**  
square feet of additional  
exterior space, including  
roof decks, patios,  
and terraces

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