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# Future of the UNCG Library:

## Opportunities, Needs, and Project Planning

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# Presentation Summary

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1. Intro
2. Comments on libraries today
3. Overview of UNCG library issues
4. UNC Greensboro campus master plan and the library
5. Library Master Space Planning Project

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## New UNC Greensboro Dean of University Libraries

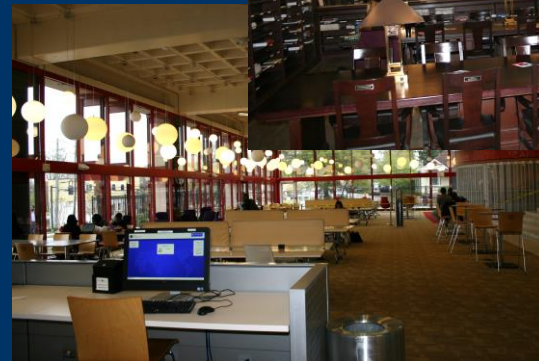
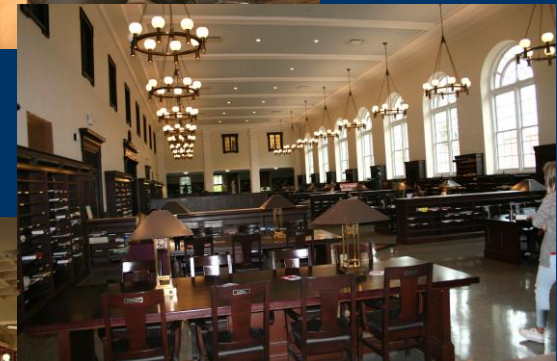
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- 30 year career, with previous positions at Rice, Emory, and University of North Texas
- Principal Investigator on \$7M in grants & contracts, with a focus on collaborative digital library innovations
- Experience with variety of library construction and renovation projects



# Libraries Today

- High-technology enabled research centers
- Serve as campus crossroads and centerpiece shared facilities for many different university functions
- Combine the best of new innovations with strongest traditions of academia





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Carnegie Library  
(now Forney Building)



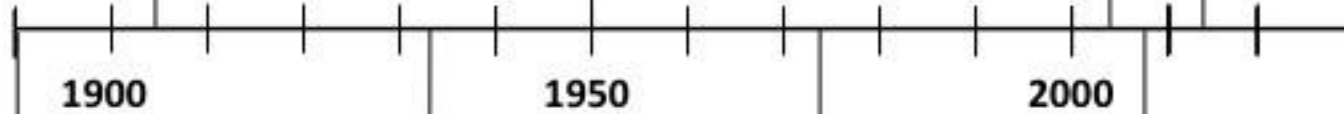
1950  
Walter Clinton  
Jackson Library



2005  
Connector  
Elliott University Center



2013  
UNC Greensboro  
Campus Master Plan update



1891  
UNC at Greensboro  
Established



1933  
Carnegie Library  
Burned, expanded, reopened



1974  
Jackson Library  
Tower addition



2008  
Jackson Library  
Space Assessment Study





# From: Campus Master Plan – February 2014 Update

“The Jackson Library tower is overwhelming in its consistency and greets the Walker Avenue transit hub with an imposing blank wall causing the building to be out of harmony with the campus.”



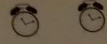








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The library is not responsible for any damage to or loss of materials. Please contact the library staff for more information.  
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Study carrel with a white desk surface, a tan chair, and a wooden privacy panel. A small sign is attached to the panel.

A round wooden table with a black metal base, surrounded by four blue upholstered chairs with black frames.







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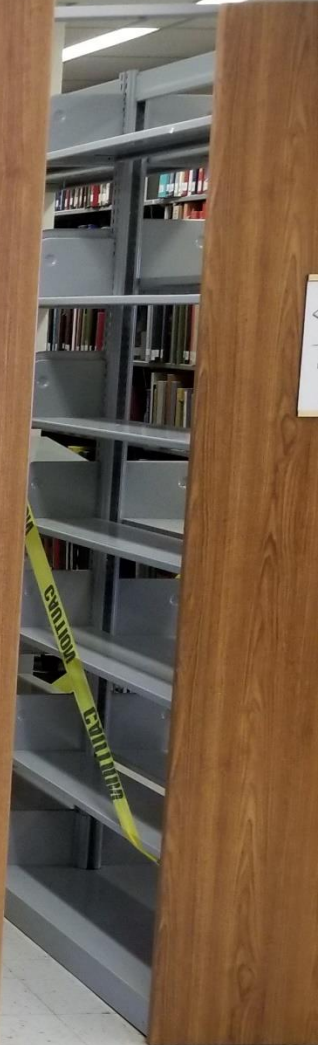
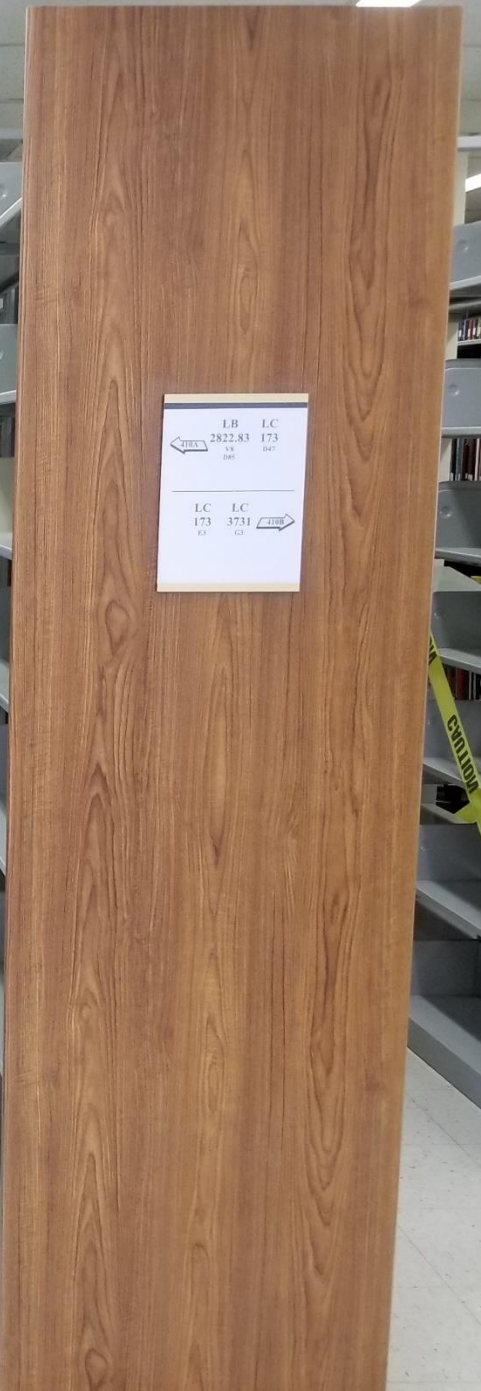
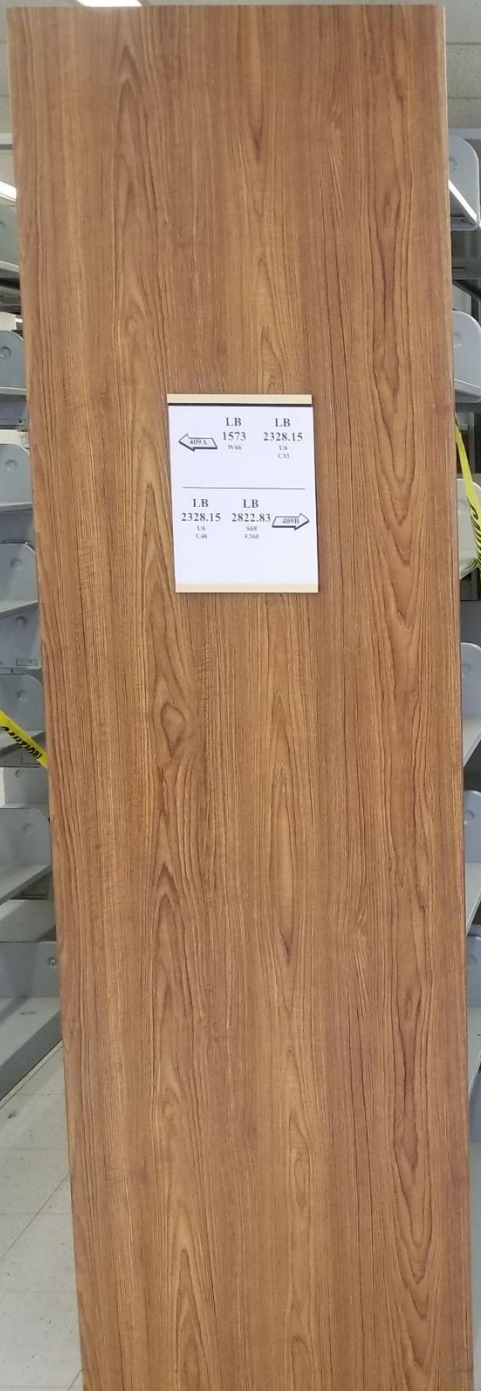
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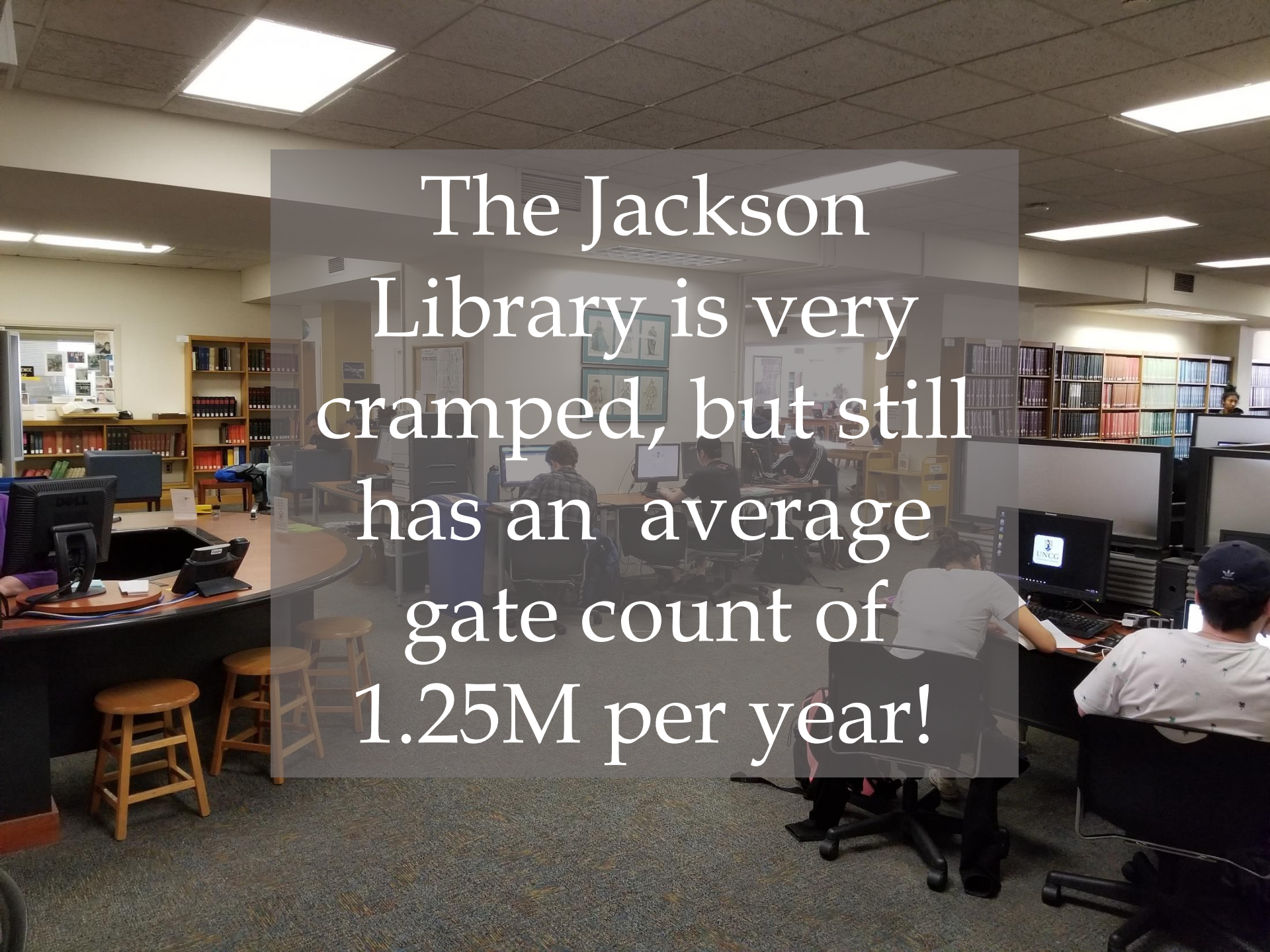
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A photograph of a busy library interior. In the foreground, several people are seated at computer workstations, focused on their screens. One person in the foreground is wearing a white t-shirt with a palm tree pattern and a dark baseball cap. Another person is wearing a white t-shirt. In the background, there are rows of bookshelves filled with books, and a curved wooden desk with several wooden stools. The ceiling has recessed fluorescent lighting. A semi-transparent grey box is overlaid on the center of the image, containing white text.

The Jackson  
Library is very  
cramped, but still  
has an average  
gate count of  
1.25M per year!

# Key Problems Identified

Wholly inadequate space

- Jackson has  $\frac{1}{4}$  the seats recommended by national standards
- Very few effective group study spaces, most are simply tables in the open, few are technology enabled
- No multifunction rooms for flexible group purposes

Massive non-compliance with ADA and basic safety codes

- No fire suppression throughout the tower
- Stacks and other areas are not ADA compliant

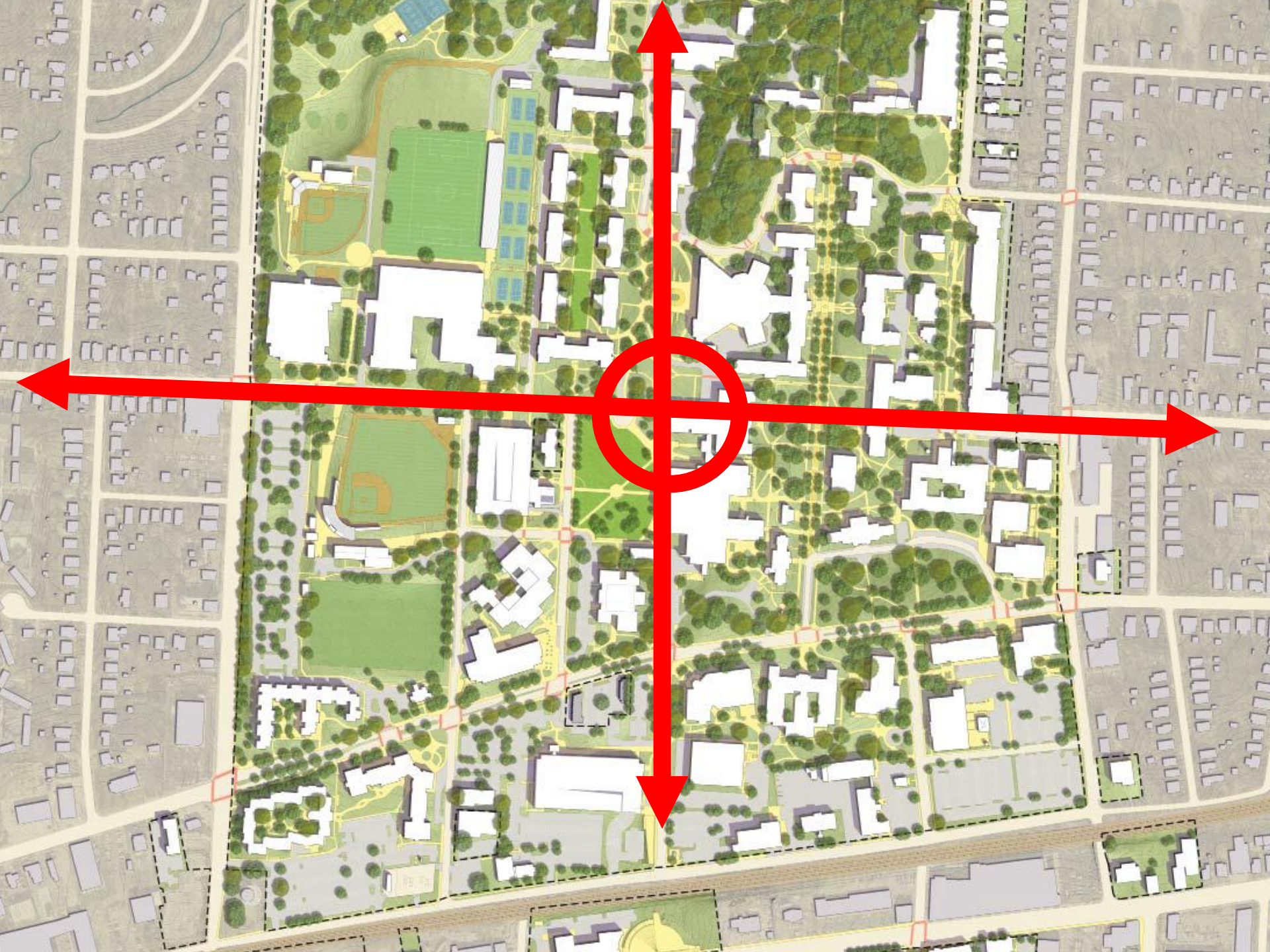
Facility is obsolete, decrepit, and not fulfilling the range of needs that a library should provide a university



# UNCG Master Plan and the Library

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- All campus master plans developed in the last 10 years have highlighted the need for expansion and renovation of the library as a top priority
- The library is located at the geographic crossroads of the main UNC Greensboro campus, and is envisioned as a major transit point
- Further, there are many other university needs identified in the campus master plan that could be addressed by a library expansion and renovation



Rendering from  
previous Campus  
Master Plan



# Rendering from 2014 Campus Master Plan Update



# Library Master Space Plan Project

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RATIO Design architectural/engineering group (comprised of NC-based firms) hired to prepare:

- A program statement describing the Libraries' plan and projections for growth, expansion, and transformation through new resources and services in response to the changing needs of the University community
- An analysis of the square foot deficits and code violations
- Recommendations for expanded capabilities in spaces for teaching and inviting larger groups onto campus for conferences and meetings, spaces for projected growth of unique collections
- Investigation of options for partnerships with other campus departments (such as enrollment management needs for a student welcome center) and/or other area libraries for collaborative efforts to mutually benefit shared constituencies

# Library Master Space Plan Activities to Date

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- Architectural team has held multiple visioning sessions with primary university stakeholder groups, including students, faculty, staff, and library donors
- Targeted exploratory meetings have been held with key university partners, including Student Enrollment, Office of Research, Campus Facilities Design & Construction
- Campus planning team of 10 stakeholder representatives have gone on site visits to 8 major library construction projects (in GA, NC, & VA) to identify possibilities and desirable features for UNC Greensboro

# Timetable and Rationale

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- Aggressive 6month timetable has been set for this project
- Rationale is to create a plan which has the possibility of being shared in the regular (long) GA session of 2019-2020
- Funding is obviously an issue, and various options are under consideration



Photo: Georgia State University Library,  
CURVE data visualization center





Photo: Emory University Library,  
Candler Reading Room



Photo: Atlanta University Center  
Library Learning Commons