ABOVE AND BEYOND

Z. Smith Reynolds Library has carved out a unique spot in American academia by its willingness and aptitude to serve Wake Forest University across a comprehensive array of offerings. While providing a rich collection of nearly 2 million volumes, ZSR is not defined solely by books. It is a place for student study and services supporting research, writing, and information literacy.

A CAMPUS COMMUNITY CENTER

ZSR offers a range of events and services including:

- **WAKE THE LIBRARY**, a midnight snack for exam-stressed students run by staffers who serve meals;
- **WRITERS CAMP**, an overnight, writing exercise for selected students that resulted in a published book within weeks in 2016;
- **SENIOR SHOWCASE**, an annual event celebrating the best senior research and projects;
- **LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES**, which has presented a Q & A with Ed Wilson, lectures in conjunction with the Bookmarks Festival of Books, and a six-part series led by the Reynolda House staff.

TRANSFORMATIVE AND DEFINITIVE

ZSR impacts the lives and scholarship of all Wake Foresters by hosting or providing:

- **SPACE** for individual and group study;
- **FOR-CREDIT LIBRARY INSTRUCTION**, in which staff librarians taught one of every 10 undergraduates in 2016-17 in areas including research methods and skills;
- **THE WRITING CENTER**, in which staffers help make students confident, critical readers of their own writing.
- **THE REYNOLDA CAMPUS INFORMATION SYSTEMS** helpdesk.
ZSR aspires to bring a facility largely constructed in the mid-1950s up to 21st-century academic standards with:

**THE DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP COLLABORATION SUITE**, offering technological resources to enhance research in Humanities and other disciplines; disseminate student and faculty research; and give students innovative study tools;

**NEW FURNITURE** with increased access to electrical outlets;

**NEW AND UPDATED** classrooms.

All told, these achievements and plans get at the heart of what a library is supposed to do – help students learn – but they do so in specific, dedicated, hands-on ways.

ZSR creates opportunity, educates students and inspires further scholarship, making ZSR the first and favorite source for Wake Foresters in their quest for knowledge.
I remember using study rooms with two classmates in my freshman year. We had tried earlier in the semester to study by ourselves by just looking at notes, and none of us did that well on the exams. It really made a difference to have one private space for all of us to work in and write out the materials for the exam. It was great to be able to have access to a private room of that size with resources like whiteboards and markers. And we all ended up doing well on the final exam.

— SYDNI WILLIAMS (’17), COMMUNICATION MAJOR FROM ANNAPOLIS, MD.
The thing that brings me the most satisfaction is knowing that a gift to ZSR helped a student, a researcher, or faculty member – even in a small way – to move projects toward completion or to gain a better understanding of whatever they were working on. All to the benefit of each and every one of us.

— KEN WILSON JR. ('85, P '16),
ATRIUM BRIDGE DONOR
I view ZSR as the heart of Wake Forest, recognizing the value it can offer to both new and experienced students and faculty. I cannot imagine making my way through Wake Forest’s challenging academic environment without support from ZSR as a place to study, to gather my thoughts and to research class papers.

— DR. BARRY CLENDENIN JR. ('67, P '01, P ’04), ATRIUM ALCOVE DONOR
One of my favorite authors, the historian Shelby Foote, once said, “A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library.” For decades, Z. Smith Reynolds Library was central to the campus for the collections it provided. Today, we are still central, but the reasons for our importance have grown to include the services we provide – library instruction, educational programs and research support, to name a few – as well as access to outstanding information resources and collections.

Our biggest challenge is that we offer our award-winning, future-oriented programming in an inflexible, aging physical space. The library was designed to be a centralized book repository in which all work was done in defined reading-room spaces. That isn’t how students and faculty work today. They need easy access to power and wireless Internet as well as spaces in which they can meet and collaborate while using library resources. With this growing demand for more flexible and collaborative space, transforming our dated library spaces is my highest priority.

— TIM PYATT
DEAN, Z. SMITH REYNOLDS LIBRARY

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

ATRIUM BALCONIES (2)
East Atrium 4th Floor, Wilson Wing $50,000
West Atrium 4th Floor, Wilson Wing $50,000

ATRIUM BRIDGES (3)
East Bridge, 6th Floor, Wilson Wing $50,000
West Bridge, 6th Floor, Wilson Wing $50,000
West Bridge, 4th Floor, Wilson Wing $50,000

STUDY ROOMS (3)
226 Reynolds Wing $50,000
228 Reynolds Wing $50,000
232 Reynolds Wing $50,000

Those committing to ZSRenewed will receive a named plaque to be installed in the space when the pledge is paid in full. They will also be invited to an event in which they will meet with Dean Tim Pyatt and see the space to be named.