



THE LIBRARY ERA

A Library has stood on the corner of Sixth and North Tryon Streets in Uptown Charlotte since 1903 when industrialist Andrew Carnegie donated \$25,000 (the equivalent of \$1 million today) for its construction as part of his philanthropic pursuit to establish public libraries across the U.S.

There's no doubt — Charlotte is growing. With a population nearing four million in the next decade, our city needs a modern library with resources and assets that will meet the educational, cultural, and social needs of our 21st century community and beyond.

Look inside as this blueprint becomes a reality — a destination and knowledge hub like no other — leveraging the strength of public and private funding and the vision of community and Library leaders, gifted architects, and trusted builders.

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THE BUILDERS

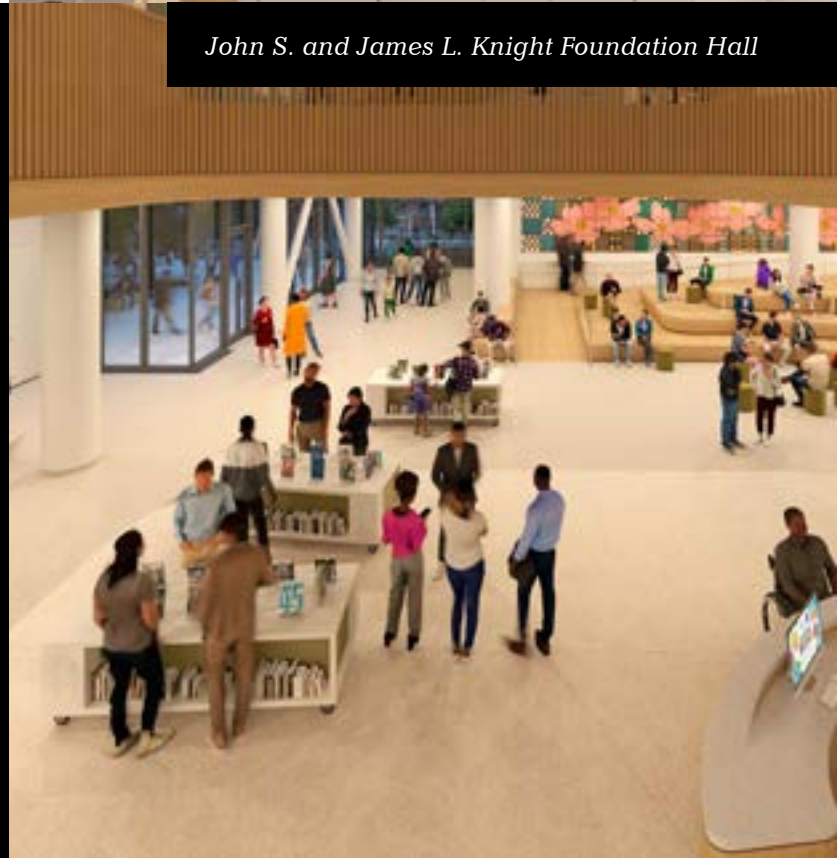
A striking landmark in the heart of the city, we're building a vibrant learning hub that will connect and strengthen the community in new and meaningful ways.

Your new Main Library will be an awe-inspiring fusion of architecture, technology, and civic gathering spaces, spanning an impressive 115,000 square feet.

A deep and expansive plaza meets a kaleidoscope façade of steel and glass and primes visitors for the marvels they can expect inside: an atrium with natural light filtered through a grand skylight, illuminating five themed floors that spiral upward, each a destination for exploration, collaboration, and reflection.



John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Hall



The John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and The Tepper Foundation each committed \$10 million to the CommonSpark and were the largest gifts made to our community to date by both foundations. For a full list of donors to the CommonSpark campaign, scan the QR code.



PROJECT TEAM

Charlotte Mecklenburg Library and Charlotte Mecklenburg Library Foundation

Project leader directing the vision for new Main Library, partnering with stakeholders, and securing private funding

Mecklenburg County

Primary funding partner with a \$77 million investment plus dedicated asset and facility management expertise

Snøhetta

Lead design and architecture firm based in Oslo, Norway, internationally known for creating spaces dedicated to cultivating knowledge

Clark Nexsen

North Carolina-based architecture and engineering firm collaborating with the team with local expertise

Rodgers | Leeper

Two Charlotte-based construction companies deeply involved in the cultural community, consistently demonstrating a commitment to Mecklenburg County



The Tepper Plaza



Pass through the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation Hall to the newly renovated McGlohon and Duke Energy Black Box theaters, where stories will leap from the page to the stage.



Morris Family Immersive Theater

And at its core, technology will weave everything together. With high-speed WiFi, computer and tablet checkouts, and seamless digital integration along with Lowe's Technology Lab for education and exploration, this will be the place where the best of traditional library services meets the tools and resources of the 21st century.



McGlohon Theater

The café, serving everything from morning lattes to evening wine, will become the perfect Uptown spot for both quiet contemplation and lively book clubs or your next remote work space.



THE STORIES

The Library will be an incubator for social and cultural exchange where stories live on the shelves and are made in the spaces.

Special events, including panel discussions, workshops and galas, will come to life in the Dr. Joyce Davis Waddell Event Space, showcasing this Library as the knowledge center of Charlotte.

Soft seating will be scattered throughout, inviting readers to curl up with the latest releases next to the Honeywell Data Visualization Lab on the second floor, a 270° digital experience to synthesize complex ideas, experience art exhibits or take gaming to the next level — the first and only one available in a public library.



Dr. Joyce Davis Waddell Event Space

New Main Library will **pilot new adult programming** and serve as the incubator for innovative system-wide programming.



THE HEART

Main Library will be powered with supercharged services, dynamic programming, and meaningful community engagement.

Main Library will join a **well-regarded cultural district with impressive neighbors** like Charlotte Ballet, Charlotte Theatre at Belk Place, McColl Center for Visual Art, Blumenthal Theater, Discovery Place, Harvey B. Gantt Center and Mint Museum.

Community collaboration will be enriched through the **Library's strong partnerships** with AARP, Novant Health, WFAE, Mecklenburg County, City of Charlotte, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Foundation For The Carolinas, and many others.

The collection at new Main will feature the latest bestsellers and a wide range of world literature, while our vast historic collection preserving the region's past in the **Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room** will offer a literal treasure trove of genealogy resources and archival documents as well as access to the Kardous Map Room.

Bank of America Opportunity Center on the second floor will be a vital hub for students, job seekers, and newcomers. Its programs and resources will support college and career development, while the Newcomer Center will offer guidance to help recent arrivals navigate their new home and feel a sense of belonging.



Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room

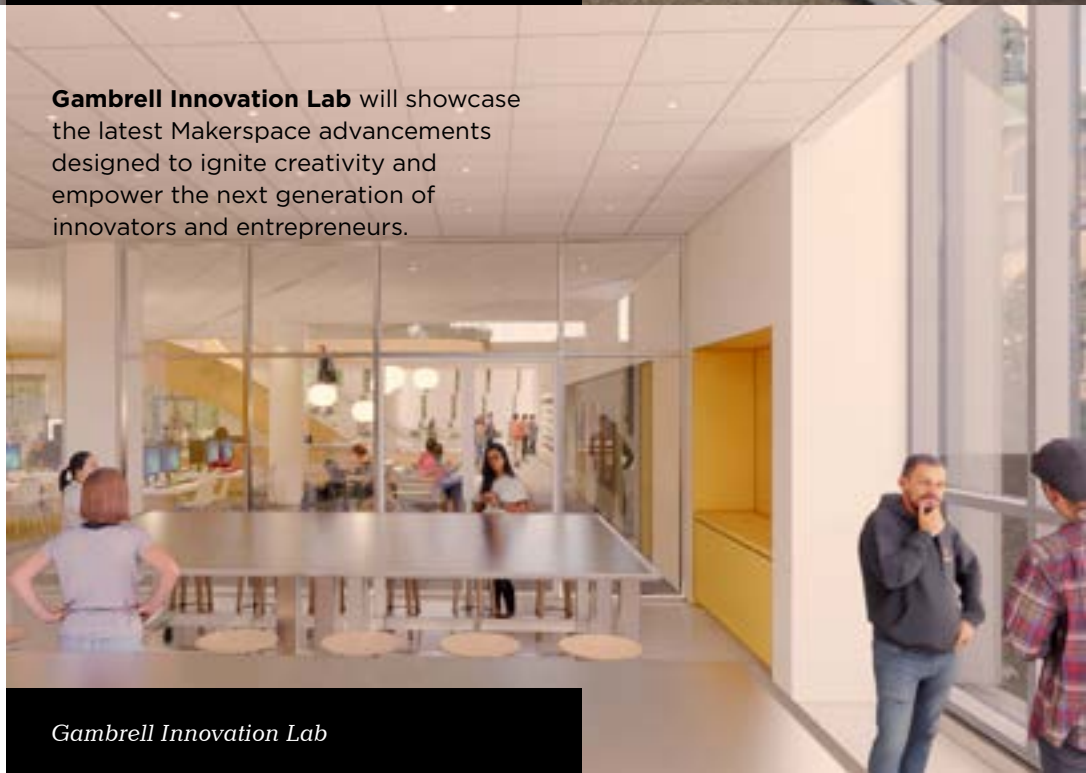
Fifteen meeting rooms of various sizes including a classroom will bring much needed public meeting spaces to Uptown.



The Springsteen Foundation Meeting Room

From a **civic conversation series featuring global thought leaders** to major award-winning author engagements to innovative hands-on adult programming, there will always be something new to experience at Main Library.

Gambrell Innovation Lab will showcase the latest Makerspace advancements designed to ignite creativity and empower the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs.



Gambrell Innovation Lab



THE PUBLIC

If you're inspired by the future we're building at Charlotte Mecklenburg Library, then connect with us. Be a part of a legacy of learning and join an engaged community working to ensure access to a world of information and a healthy democracy in our shared spaces.

The CommonSpark

Contact Jenni Gaisbauer to join The CommonSpark, a public-private partnership to infuse \$165 million into improving lives and building a stronger community in Mecklenburg County including the construction of new Main Library. Naming opportunities are still available.

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