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As it goes in life, one story ends, but another begins! This spring, we are saying farewell and good luck to our very own Lori Goetsch, dean of Libraries. Dean Goetsch spent 17 years leading the Libraries through many changes and challenges, including the 2018 Hale Library fire.

After the fire severely damaged the building, as well as many books and materials, Dean Goetsch helped develop a plan for not only restoring the building and the book collection, but for keeping Libraries services and support available to the community throughout the renovation. After more than 30 months of planning, construction and perseverance, the first through fourth floors of Hale Library opened to the public on Feb. 15, 2021. The building, which includes the beautiful Historic Farrell Library and the Great Room, offers current and future K-Staters more than ever before. Beautiful architecture, functional study and collaborative spaces and soon, advanced technology, come together to provide spaces with a space that both supports and inspires academic success. Thanks to the many years that Dean Goetsch spent bringing this vision to life, a new chapter is beginning for the Libraries and K-State.