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Kansas State University Libraries
After 10 years, the Innovation and Inspiration Campaign to raise $1.4 billion for Kansas State University has come to a close. Thanks to the generosity of so many members of the K-State family, K-State Libraries surpassed its campaign fundraising goal by more than $2 million. Ten years ago, we had plans to update Hale Library so it would provide a state-of-the-art learning experience for students. Then a fire struck the roof of the library in 2018, resulting in water and smoke damage throughout the building. We took this opportunity to update not just a few areas as planned, but to update the whole building. With your support and philanthropic gifts from individuals, foundations and companies, we are now poised to offer an exceptional learning experience to Wildcats for generations to come. Thank you all for making this possible!

INCREDIBLE IMPACT

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Above: Cindy Harris, library assistant III, was chosen as the Support Staff of the Year. This award recognizes a support staff employee’s special contributions, dedication to daily tasks and ability to work successfully across the organization. Harris played a vital role in protecting the Special Collections materials and spent six months cleaning moldy materials and handling emergencies.

HOBROCK AND SUPPORT STAFF AWARDS ARE FUNDED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE K-STATE LIBRARIES.

THE 2019 KIRMSER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH AWARD

The Kirmser Awards, which are made possible through a gift from the Philip and Jeune Kirmser estate, recognize and promote outstanding undergraduate scholarship. Applications are evaluated in part on use of library resources. Each grand prize winner receives $1,000, and their work is deposited in the online K-State Research Exchange. Group research category: Social work majors: Rebekah Castle, junior, Hoxie; Taya Josenberger, junior, Kansas City; and Cole Griffin, senior, Olathe, completed their project, “The Effects of Childhood Separation: A Study on Mental Health” for the Social Research Methods & Analysis class taught by Jung Sim Jun, assistant professor of social work. Individual non-freshman category: Clayton Jarrard, senior in anthropology, Olathe, completed “Conviction as Divine Influence or Human Manipulation: LGBT+ Christians and a Harmful Habitus,” completed for the class Anthropological Introduction to Moral Philosophy taught by Amelia Hicks, assistant professor of philosophy.