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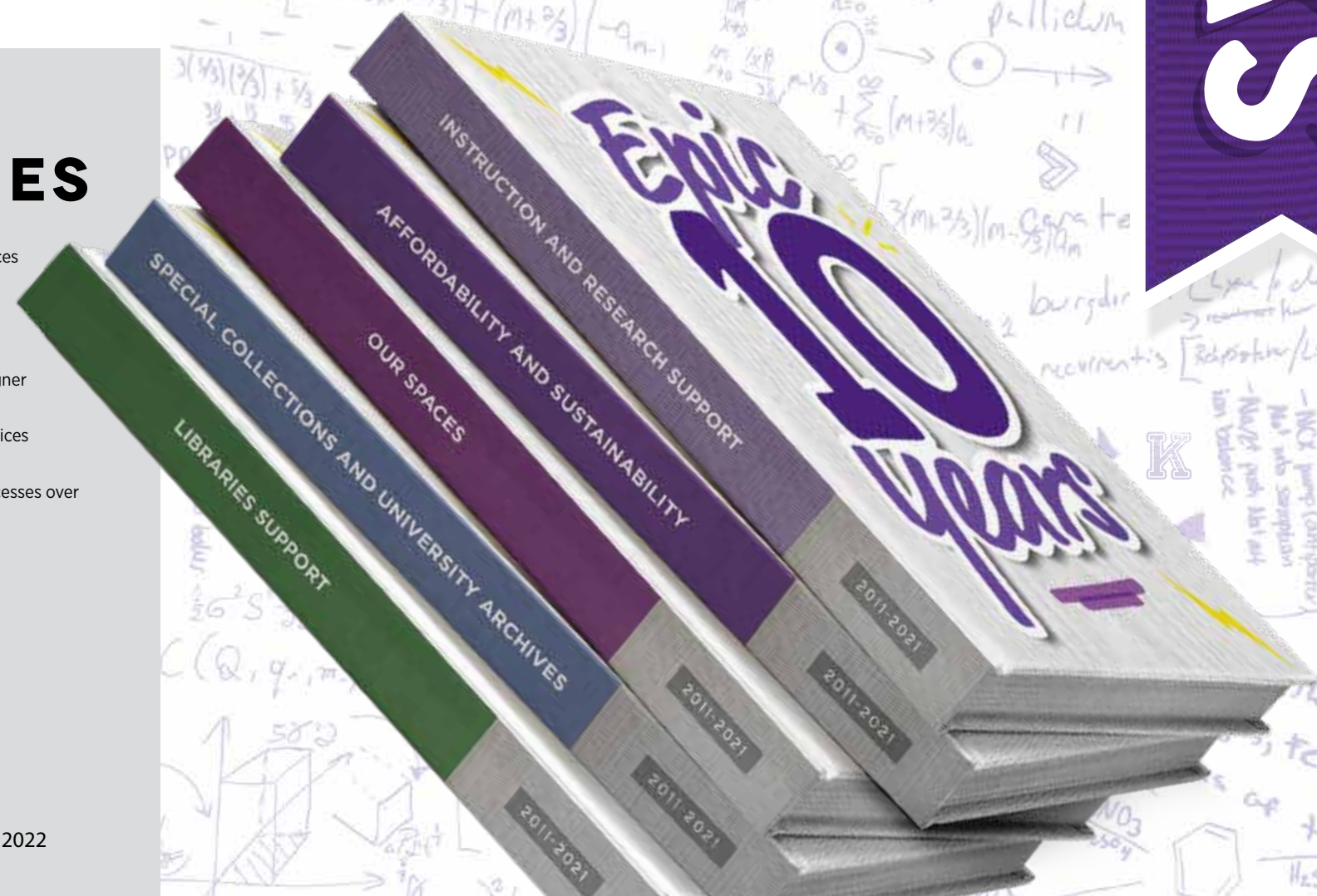
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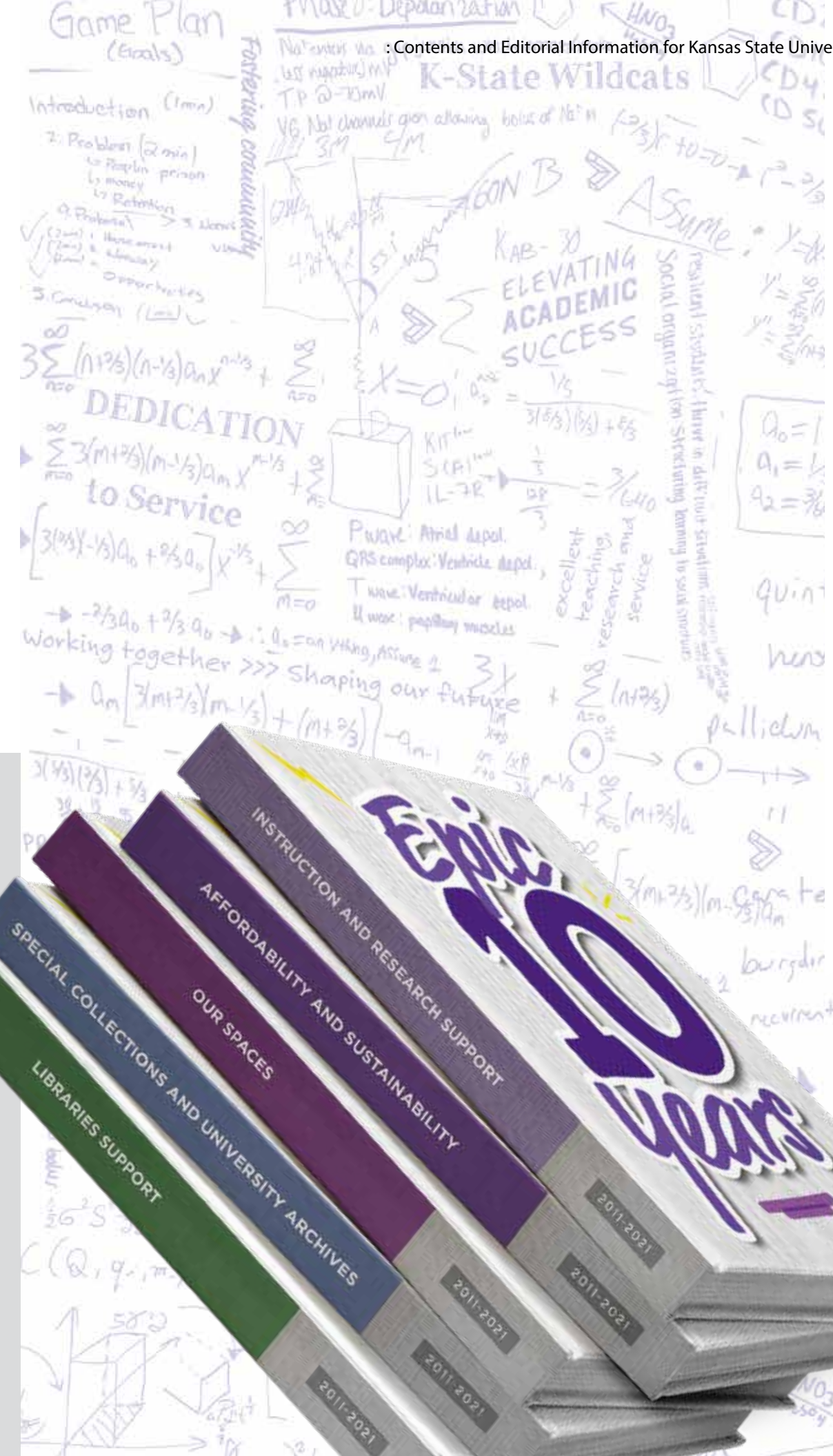
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ONE FOR THE BOOKS



A decade OF PERSEVERANCE AND INNOVATION

Despite experiencing some of the most difficult years in their history, the Libraries have made extraordinary progress towards several strategic goals.

Hale Library, the heart of the campus community, successfully underwent a total renovation, resulting in a state-of-the-art facility that benefits all students, faculty and staff. New programs and initiatives were created, and new spaces, such as the Sunderland Foundation Innovation Lab and the Butler Digitization Lab, advanced campus efforts to increase student engagement and further research efforts.

The Libraries also found new ways to connect students and staff with resources, including the Resource Link at Hale Library, which partners with campus organizations such as the Writing Center to bring more campus resources into a centrally located space.

The Libraries staff, in particular, have shown an inordinate amount of dedication in continuing to serve the community in the face of challenges such as the Covid-19 pandemic, a declining budget and the 2018 Hale Library fire. Instead of simply accepting the status quo, staff went above and beyond to find creative ways to provide library services and address issues of distance while keeping patrons safe.

A strong example of this is the effort staff went to shortly after the fire when it was no longer possible to serve patrons directly from Hale Library. Staff quickly adapted to communicating and coordinating online, even though many of them were spread out in different buildings across campus.

Throughout these challenges and more, the Libraries continue to serve, educate and connect the campus community and beyond.

