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AURARIA LIBRARY
A CASE FOR SUPPORT





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The Auraria Library is where students and opportunities come together. It's where more than 35,000 learners and leaders connect and channel the power of three vibrant institutions of higher education—the University of Colorado Denver (CU Denver), Community College of Denver (CCD) and Metropolitan State University of Denver (MSU Denver).

Here at Denver's epicenter of learning, they learn from the past, find resources and tools to help them thrive in the present, and gain guidance and connections to fuel their success in the future.

For nearly 50 years, we've been essential to education, research, and discovery at the heart of the Auraria campus.

You can help us write the next chapter in our story.

Yesterday and Tomorrow

Designed by internationally recognized architect Helmut Jahn, the Auraria Library has grown and evolved to serve more students than any other academic library in Colorado, with 650,000 print books, 700,000 annual visitors and nearly 2 million digital resource impressions.

As a learning oasis in the heart of Denver—open to alumni and community members—the Auraria Library sparks intersections that happen nowhere else. And as technology, higher education, and information delivery have changed, the Auraria Library itself has transformed to better serve its constituents.

We've created welcoming and distinctive meeting and working spaces—including a Digital Media Studio and Innovation Garage—to empower students and other learners to do, think, explore, and achieve. We employ faculty who are leading thinkers and innovators, who foster understanding through personal engagement with students and faculty across an array of topics and technologies—including through personalized research consultations.

We connect Denver's past and future through events that engage community members and inspire them to reconsider preconceived notions of what a library can do. We are available by chat 24/7 as we build on the capabilities of a worldwide network. And our lending services range far beyond books—to microscopes and anatomical models, to bike locks, to digital devices that help students succeed.

*These are just a few ways the Auraria Library creates possibilities.
With your support, we can go still further.*

A photograph showing the interior of the Auraria Library. In the background, a digital screen displays the text "AURARIA LIBRARY" with a logo. Several people are seen walking or standing in the open-plan space, which has large windows and modern decor.

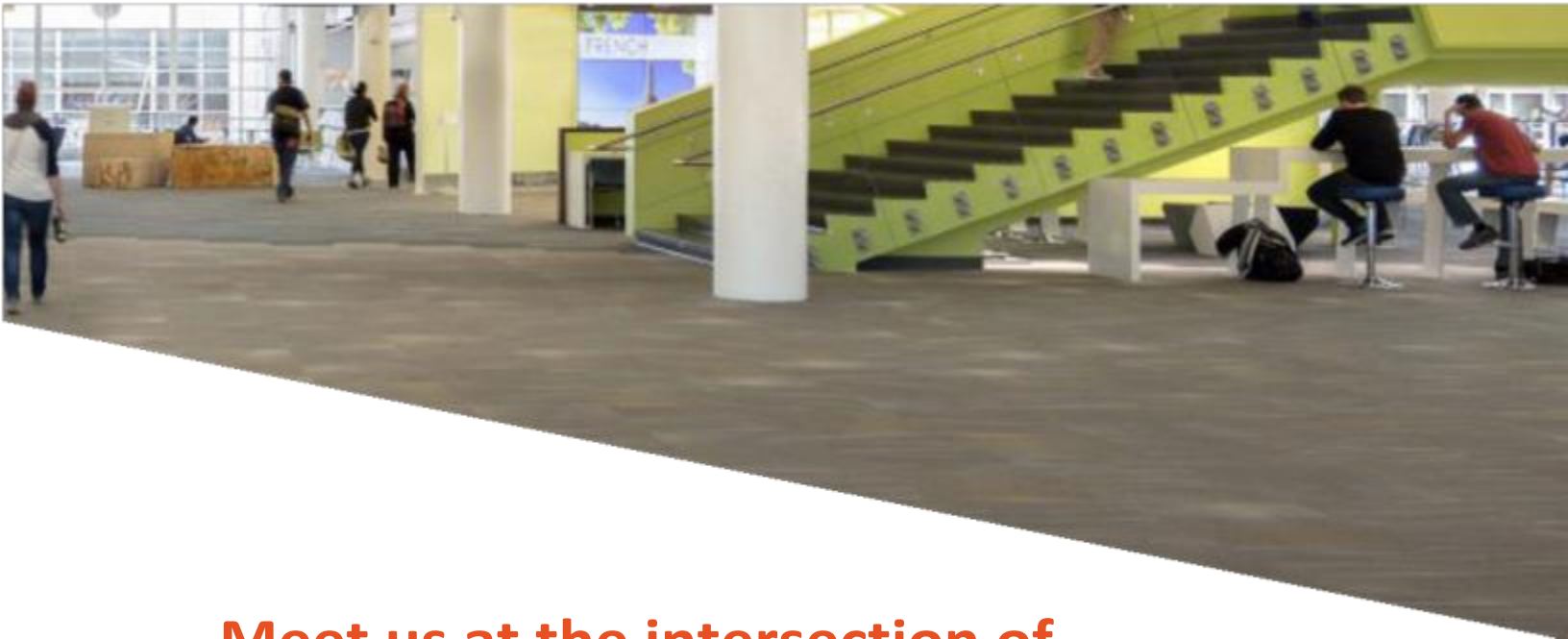
Access and Inclusivity

The Auraria Library is driven to expand its ability to serve its unique learner populations. Simply put, we must ensure that all students, regardless of background or circumstances, are empowered with tools for their success in their studies, career, and community.

The students we serve represent an incredible cross-section of humanity from around the world, in a region where over 150 languages are spoken. Nearly half of Auraria Campus students are first-generation students; nearly half are students of color. Thousands are working single parents, military veterans or active duty, or otherwise historical considered to be “nontraditional students.” A high proportion of students take classes online, or in hybrid modes. Their one common denominator is that they call the Auraria Library home.

For this reason, the Auraria Library works to provide multiple points of entry, online and in person. We’ve redesigned our first-floor study spaces to improve the balance between individual, deep-focus study and highly social group collaboration. We connect with CU Denver, MSU Denver, and CCD academic support units to facilitate access to student-success services. And we have hundreds of digital resources that enable full-service experiences for remote patrons.

*When you support the Auraria Library,
you help us welcome all curious, creative knowledge-seekers
to collaborate and share ideas, spaces, and experiences.*



Meet us at the intersection of possibilities and opportunities

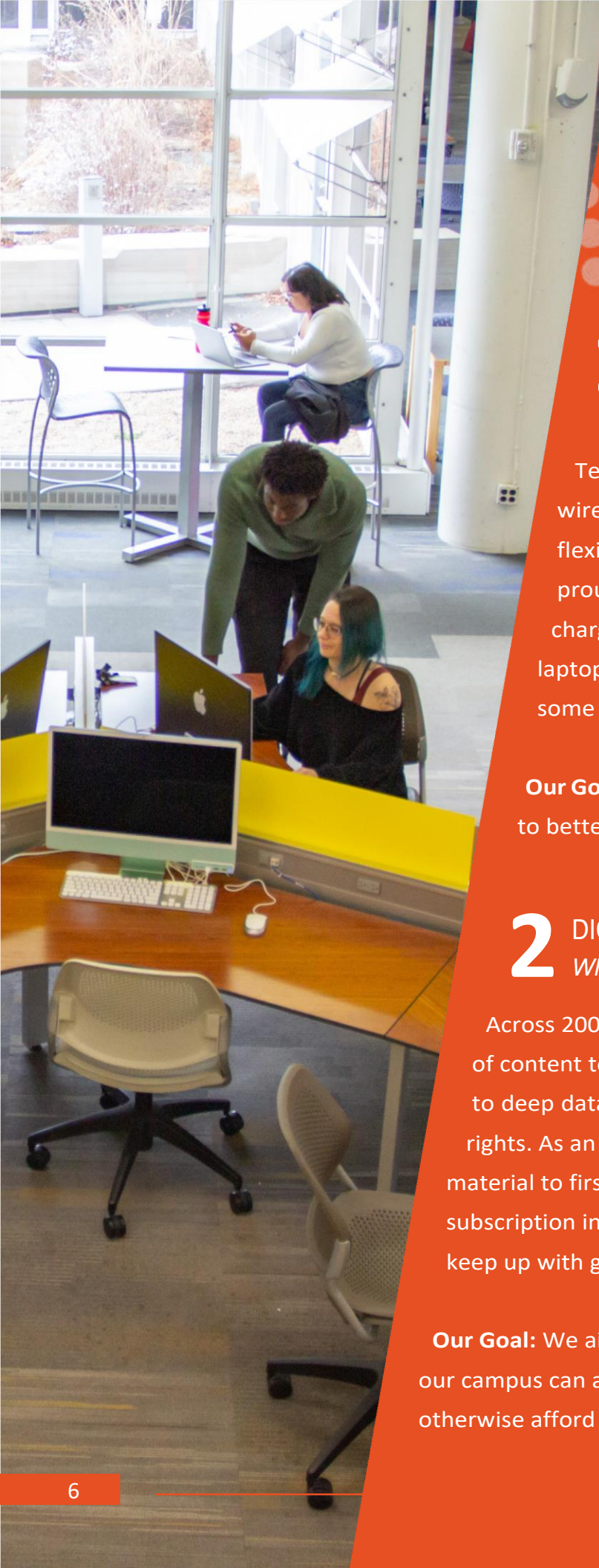
Moving forward, we are poised to further increase our positive impact on our patrons, institutions, community, and regional workforce. We invite you to join us in driving us forward to create more intersections—through your support of these four investment opportunities:

1 TECHNOLOGY

2 DIGITAL MATERIALS

3 STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

4 SPACES



1 TECHNOLOGY: *Where increased access intersects with the digital divide.*

Technology and digital access are musts in today's wired world, especially given our institutions' flexible modes of teaching and learning. We're proud to provide laptops and other hardware free of charge. However, high demand for our 50 available laptops means we have a perpetual waitlist, with some students waiting weeks for a laptop.

Our Goal: We want to elevate our free lending services to better support equitable access to technology.

2 DIGITAL MATERIALS: *Where high-tech intersects with high-touch.*

Across 200+ databases, we make available a wealth of content to students—from a digital security archive, to deep databases on topics from hospitality to human rights. As an academic library we offer a broad spectrum of material to first-year students and post-docs alike, but digital subscription increases outpace inflation, so we struggle to keep up with growing demand for resources.

Our Goal: We aim to grow our digital offerings so everyone on our campus can access diverse, high-quality materials they can't otherwise afford or access—for free.

3 STUDENT EMPLOYMENT: *Where working intersects with learning.*

By bringing students into the Auraria Library workplace as ambassadors, interns, and hourly staff members, we help them gain transferable skills, support campus engagement, and help them pay for tuition and other expenses. With many students having to work for income while pursuing degrees, the need is acute for meaningful paid work alongside scholastic activities.

Our Goal: We aim to enhance our student leadership and professional experiences by providing more paid work opportunities to students, thereby increasing our ability to efficiently provide services to the entire campus.

4 SPACES: *Where curiosity meets creativity.*

From vibrant areas for collaborative projects, to silent study spaces, to our Innovation Garage and Digital Media Studio—with technical hardware and personal assistance on tools matched for makers—the Auraria Library is where big ideas intersect with abundant resources and an atmosphere that helps students flourish.

Our Goal: We seek to develop a new and flexible space to foster study and collaboration, and to welcome and inspire those who may not be regular Auraria Library visitors.



Achieving these priorities will help us meet our mission:

1. To support the diverse populations of the Community College of Denver, MSU Denver, and CU Denver in achieving academic success
2. To meet users wherever they are by providing access to information, services, and expertise 24/7.
3. To teach research skills that enable and inspire lifelong learning.

**Your support can help us bring our mission to fruition
on behalf of all the students and communities we serve.**

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