Wilson Library, on the Twin Cities campus, houses 3.4 million items, which have exceeded capacity and are encroaching on critical user space.

Over 90,000 University Libraries resources are delivered across the state by the University each year.

Approximately 45,000 library requests come from Minnesota State Colleges and Universities each year.

Today’s library users expect more than access to materials; they expect collaborative and experiential learning spaces close to library experts who can help them find and effectively use the information they need. Research studies demonstrate a correlation between library use and student success; renovated spaces will expand student access to materials and support.
Design: Collections and Contemporary Learning

**Project Description**

- Design a cost-effective, environmentally controlled collections storage space in Murphy Warehouse.
- Relocate lesser-used library collections from Wilson Library and other U of M libraries into Murphy Warehouse.
- Renovate Wilson Library to create contemporary learning spaces that support:
  - Independent study
  - Collaborative study and research
  - Library expert consultation
  - Tutoring and other learning support
  - Active teaching and learning
  - Scholarship and publishing
  - Geospatial and other data analysis

**Benefits**

- Advance student success, innovation, and entrepreneurship.
- Secure preservation of valuable, growing collections.
- Increase access to University Libraries resources, including print and digital collections, online publishing, and geospatial data.

**State request: $4 million**

- University investment: $2 million
- Total project cost: $6 million