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# Reconceptualizing and Renovating an Academic Business Library: The Parrish Library of Management & Economics

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## Timeline

**2005** Customer Derived Vision for the Management & Economics Library - White Paper

**Dec.** - User Interfaces for Physical Spaces Workshop

**2006 May** - Tomalee Doan joins Purdue Libraries

Comprehensive collection evaluation - no purchases except by request  
 Work with architects, univ. project manager, asst director for space planning to develop vision and concept of physical space.

**Dec.** - 1st Annual Design Institute - The Changing Design Landscape, Library Journal

**2007** Use of saved funds to expand electronic resources

**Feb.** - Compact Storage built in Rawls Hall

Acquired R&R funding for phase 1: \$250,000 from Libraries, \$250,000 from the University, \$500,000 from the School of Management, and \$500,000 from Dept. of Agricultural Economics

Begin meeting with possible donors/alumni

**2008** Design work begins on Phase 1 and 2

Continued meetings with donors/alumni

Phase 1 construction begins - **May 2009**

Phase 1 construction ends - **Sept.**

Acquired R&R funding for Phase 2: \$150,000 from **2010** Libraries and \$150,000 from the University

Continued to communicate with donors/alumni and apply for grants

Phase 2 construction begins - **May**

Acquired donors (Fowler, Hollister)

Phase 2 construction ends - **Sept.**

Acquired major donor (Roland G. Parrish) - **Oct.**

Secured Major Gift - **Feb. 2011**

Design for Phase 3 continues

Phase 3 construction begins - **May**

CLIR - Intermediate Participatory Design Workshop

Phase 3 construction ends - **Feb 2012**

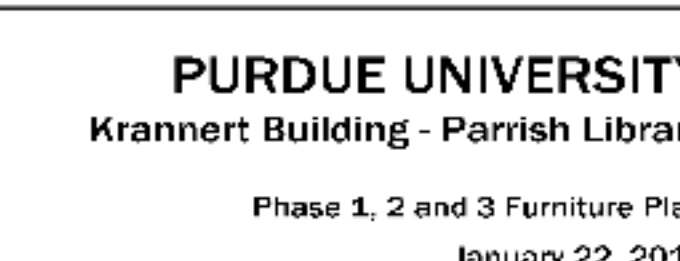
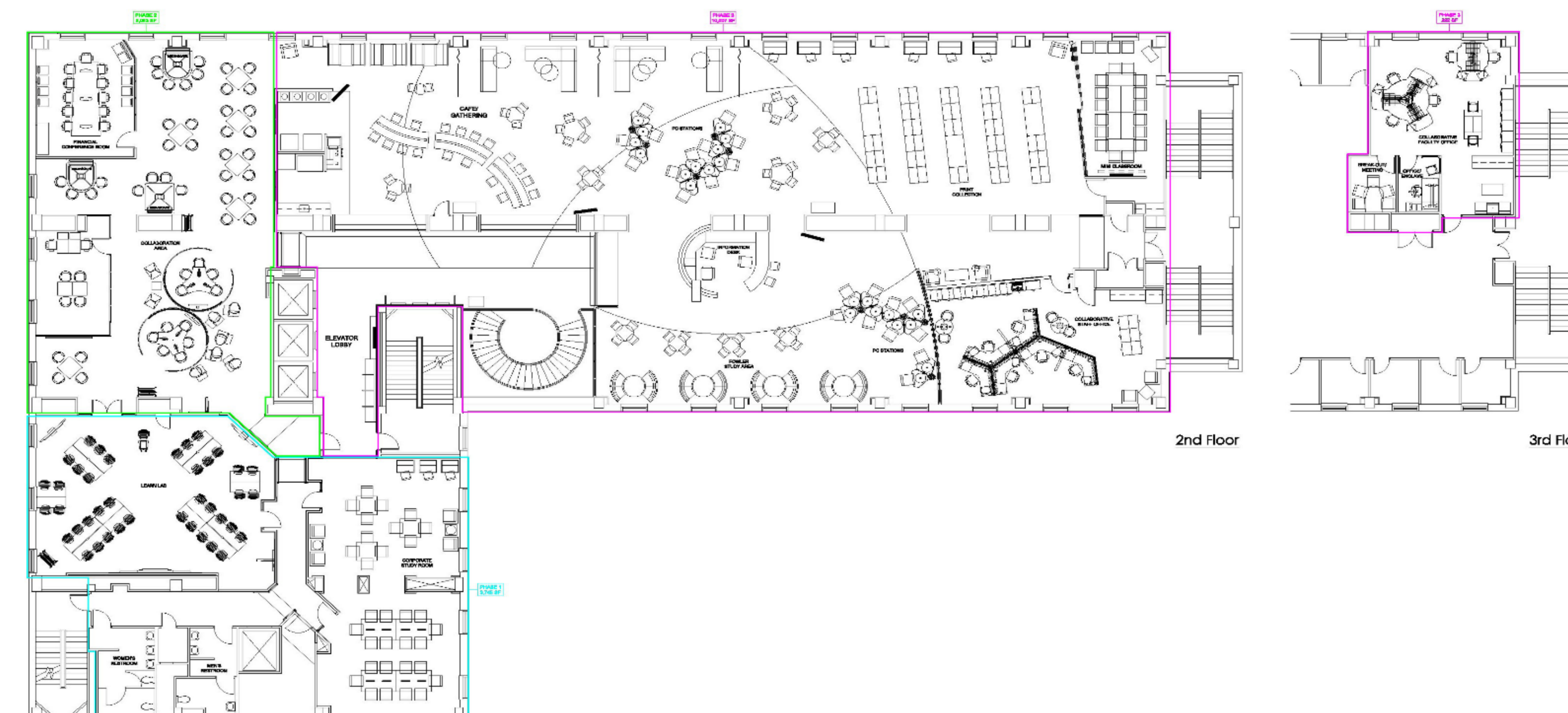
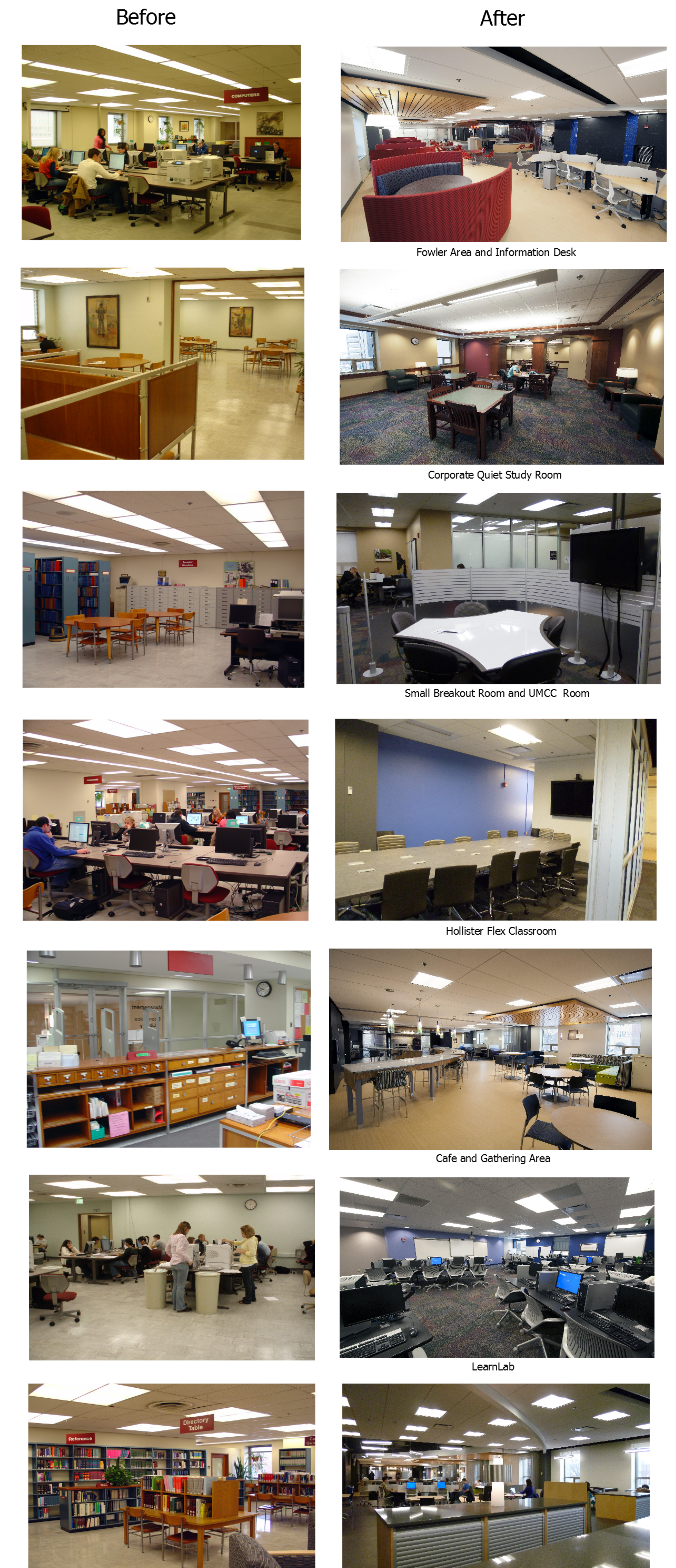
Dedication - **April 2012**

**Total project:**  
**\$4,200,000**  
**18,000+ sq ft**

Corporate Quiet Study  
 LearnLab  
 \$1,000,000  
 3745 sq ft

Collaborative Space  
 Financial Conference Room  
 Undergraduate Management  
 Communications Center  
 \$850,000  
 3083 sq ft

Information Desk  
 Cafe/Gathering Space  
 Flex Classroom  
 Study Areas  
 Print Collection  
 Faculty & Staff Offices  
 \$2,350,000  
 11,499 sq ft



<http://www.lib.purdue.edu/parrish/renovation/melrenovation2.html>

The redesign and renovation of the Parrish Library of Management & Economics' focused on becoming a student-centered space. Key elements include:

- **3 phase renovation:** allowed for creation of unique zones and functional adjacencies as well as iterative design over the project.
- **Student-centered spaces:** provided students with a variety of learning and collaborating spaces to fit the 'Third Place' needs on campus.
- **Innovative design:** impacted space design and placed the Libraries in discussions and planning of learning spaces across campus.
- **All areas multi-functional:** created a dynamic and flexible environment for researching, studying, meeting, presentations, and courses.
- **Connections with constituents:** Provided space to the Undergraduate Management Communication Center to intertwine the Library closer to the School of Management. LearnLab was key for expanding instructional opportunities.