Spring Events

JANUARY | TEDX

FEBRUARY | HESBURGH LIBRARIES LECTURE SERIES
Digital Scholarship

APRIL | HESBURGH LIBRARIES LECTURE SERIES
Human Rights

APRIL | BLUE GOLD CELEBRATION
Launch of Word of Life Interactive

MAY | 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CLOSING
Noye’s Fludde (Noah’s Flood) Outdoor Performance

Main Library
Hesburgh Library
Center for Digital Scholarship
Medieval Institute Library
Rare Books & Special Collections

Branch Libraries
Architecture Library
Mahaffey Business Library
Chemistry-Physics Library
Engineering Library
Kellogg Kroc Library
O’Meara Mathematics Library
Radiation Chemistry Reading Room
Visual Resources Center
Mentions of a college library at Notre Dame date as far back as 1869. In 1873, a central circulating library for students was established in the Main Building. In 1917, Bond Hall was built to house the expanding central library, and there it remained until Memorial Library opened in 1963.

More than 50 years ago, Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C., dreamed of a new library building that would serve, along with the Basilica and the Golden Dome, as one of the three pillars of the Notre Dame campus. It would become the academic heart of the University. He envisioned that Memorial Library and its now world famous *Word of Life* mural would stand, for all to see, as a symbol of academic excellence and the pursuit of truth.

On the 50th anniversary of the opening of Memorial Library (renamed Hesburgh Library in 1987), we reflect on this vision-turned-reality and the vital contributions the Libraries have made to the advancement of Notre Dame, its faculty, students, and alumni.

We celebrate the Libraries’ enduring mission of connecting people to the world’s knowledge and preserving that knowledge for scholars throughout time.

Join us as we embrace this vision anew, ensuring that the Libraries of Notre Dame will inspire intellectual inquiry and academic excellence for the next 50 years and beyond.

—I wanted in 1963, and still desire today, for the Memorial Library literally to stand for the future of Notre Dame as a place of unmatched intellectual achievement, free inquiry, and providential contributions to mankind.”

— Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, C.S.C.

YOU’RE INVITED!

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF THE HESBURGH LIBRARY

FRIDAY, SEP. 20
4:00p–6:00p
Hesburgh Library
Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard

Music by Oblates of Blues
Treats courtesy of au bon pain
(while supplies last)

FRIDAY, SEP. 20 | 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND PROGRAM
4:00p–6:00p | Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
4:45p–5:00p | Celebration Program
Rev. John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., University President;
Thomas G. Burish, Provost;
Diane Parr Walker, Edward H. Arnold University Librarian

6:00p–7:00p | Michigan State Pep Rally on the Library Quad

FRIDAY, SEP. 20 | WORDS OF LIFE: CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF THE HESBURGH LIBRARY’S MESSAGE, MURAL, AND MEANING
This new book from the University of Notre Dame Press is now available online and at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

SATURDAY, SEP. 21 | GAME DAY BOOTHS & CONCOURSE EXHIBITS
10:00a–2:00p | Game Day Booth: Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
9:00a–10:00p | Exhibits: Hesburgh Library—Concourse

FRIDAY, SEP. 27 | HESBURGH LIBRARIES LECTURE SERIES: MILLARD SHEETS: AN ARTIST’S JOURNEY TO THE WORD OF LIFE, PRESENTED BY JANET BLAKE
4:00p–5:00p | Hesburgh Library—William J. Carey Auditorium
Mural viewing immediately to follow.
Sponsors: Hesburgh Libraries, Snite Museum of Art

SATURDAY, SEP. 28 | GAME DAY BOOTHS & CONCOURSE EXHIBITS
10:00a–2:00p | Game Day Booth: Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
9:00a–10:00p | Exhibits: Hesburgh Library—Concourse
OCTOBER

THURSDAY, OCT. 3 | OPENING RECEPTION: TÍR NA NÓG EXHIBIT
4:00p-6:00p | Hesburgh Library—Rare Books & Special Collections

THURSDAY, OCT. 17 | HESBURGH LIBRARIES LECTURE SERIES:
“CAN THESE DRY BONES LIVE?: OLD BOOKS, MODERN LIBRARIES, AND THE DIGITAL DOMAIN, PRESENTED BY MICHAEL F. SUAREZ, S.J.
4:00p-5:00p | Hesburgh Library—William J. Carey Auditorium
Reception immediately to follow.
Sponsors: Hesburgh Libraries, College of Arts and Letters

SATURDAY, OCT. 19 | GAME DAY BOOTH & CONCOURSE EXHIBITS
10:00a-2:00p | Game Day Booth: Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
9:00a-10:00p | Exhibits: Hesburgh Library—Concourse

NOVEMBER

FRIDAY, NOV. 1 | LIBRARY CENTER FOR DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP OPENING RECEPTION AND PROGRAM
4:00p-6:00p | Hesburgh Library—1st Floor Northeast
4:45p-5:00p | Reception Program:
  Thomas G. Burish, Provost;
  Ronald D. Kraemer, Vice President for Information Technology & Chief Information and Digital Officer;
  Elliott Visconsi, Chief Academic Digital Officer;
  Diane Parr Walker, Edward H. Arnold University Librarian

SATURDAY, NOV. 2 | GAME DAY BOOTH & CONCOURSE EXHIBITS
10:00a-2:00p | Game Day Booth: Hesburgh Library—Richard & Margaret Carey Courtyard
9:00a-10:00p | Exhibits: Hesburgh Library—Concourse
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS EXHIBIT

FALL SEMESTER | TÍR NA NÓG: LITERATURE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM THE HESBURGH LIBRARIES’ IRISH COLLECTIONS

Opening Reception
4:00p-6:00p | Thursday, Oct. 3
Hesburgh Library—Rare Books and Special Collections

Regular Hours
9:00a-5:00p | Monday-Friday

Extended Hours on Home Football Weekends
9:00a-6:00p | Friday
10:00a-2:00p | Saturday (Exhibit Only)

CONCOURSE EXHIBITS

Exhibit cases throughout the Hesburgh Library Concourse feature the history of the building and the Word of Life mural, the Seaside Research Portal, and treasures from Rare Books & Special Collections.

Regular Hours (Hours may vary during holidays.)
9:00a-10:00p | Monday-Saturday
10:00a-10:00p | Sunday

ADDITIONAL EVENTS AND EXHIBITS

Thanks to our many campus partners, we are adding new celebration events throughout the year! For the most up-to-date schedule of events and exhibits, visit us online at 50YEARS.LIBRARY.ND.EDU.

PLEASE JOIN US!

OPENING RECEPTION
FRIDAY, NOV. 1
4:00p-6:00p

Hesburgh Library—1st Floor Northeast
library.nd.edu/cds

CENTER for DIGITAL SCHOLARSHIP

where technology transforms the pursuit of knowledge