

A Vision for a New Learning Commons and Cultural Center

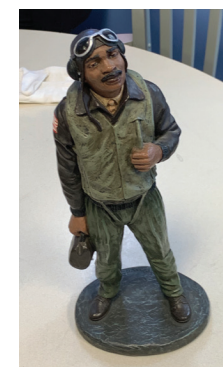
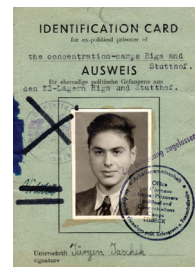
As part of its strategic vision, Albright College is committed to developing and strengthening community partnerships, and is excited to contribute to a vibrant vision for the future of Reading and Berks County with a new library/multi-use facility that will foster community partnerships through expanded educational and cultural opportunities.

An Albright team led by President Jacquelyn Fetrow, Ph.D., has been working through the fall and now into the spring to re-imagine a 21st century library, one that immerses learning in collaboration, mixes traditional media with emergent media, and includes the wider community in educational and cultural initiatives.

PLANS FOR THIS MULTI-FUNCTIONAL SPACE INCLUDE:

- A learning commons on the entry floor that includes both library services and student success initiatives such as tutoring, academic learning center, academic coaches, accessibility services, and career development
- A history and cultural center on the second floor that will house our history department and welcome campus and community members to explore the Albright Archives, Nolan local history collection, Lakin Holocaust Resource Center and pieces from the Central Pennsylvania African American Museum
- Study and meeting spaces designed with multiple, flexible configurations, and with built-in technology and tools for digital scholarship, alongside the writing center and writing faculty
- Universal design elements to ensure a fully accessible space for campus and community members of all abilities.

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Artifacts from the college's Nolan collection, Holocaust Resource Center and Central Pennsylvania African American Museum collection.