

North Carolina



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The James B. Hunt Jr. Library North Carolina State University

The North Carolina Office of the State Controller is proud this year to feature the James B. Hunt Jr. Library on the cover of the 2013 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). The Hunt Library, which opened in January 2013, features over 221,000 gross square feet, including space for the Institute for Emerging Issues and other university centers and institutes. Anchoring Centennial Campus' Academic Oval, the building is longer and wider than a football field, stretching roughly 460 feet in length and 180 feet at its widest point. It is 88 feet high at the tallest point, providing dramatic views of Lake Raleigh and the city skyline.

The Hunt Library has almost 100 group study rooms and technology-equipped spaces to support learning, research, and collaboration. The robot-driven bookBot automated book delivery system holds up to two million volumes in 1/9 the space of conventional shelving, enabling the library to provide more space for learning and collaboration. The bookBot is 50 feet wide by 160 feet long by 50 feet tall and is excavated 20 feet below the first floor. The bookBot delivers books in minutes with a click in the online catalog. Visitors can watch the bookBot in action through a glass wall on the first floor ("Robot Alley"), as four robots dart up and down enormous aisles to pinpoint and retrieve materials.

The James B. Hunt Jr. Library's bold design is a visual statement of its bold purpose: to be a place not of the past but of the future, a place where students, faculty, and partners can gather to research, learn, experiment, collaborate, and strengthen NC State's long tradition of leading transformative change.

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