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An exciting future for the new Main Library

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Dear Sarah,

Knight [recently announced](#) a \$10 million investment in a new library for downtown Charlotte. It's the lead private contribution in a \$135 million campaign to create a state-of-the-art public space that can serve not just as a repository for books, but as a true commons for all the city's residents.

[Learn about our new support for Main Library](#)

The reimagined Main Library, set to open in 2024, will evolve into an iconic and inspiring space that becomes a true 21st century public commons. At this critical time of rapid change, the new Main Library can serve as a forum for Charlotteans to chart a course towards a prosperous and equitable city.

"The new main library is modern. It is open. It is inviting. And it is focused on digital. That's the way of the future. And that's where we want to be." — Alberto Iburgüen, Knight Foundation President

At Knight, we have long recognized the power of libraries to support more informed and engaged communities. Charlotte is about to take a bold leap in challenging our ambition for just what a library can do.

With technology at the forefront, this project will play a transformational role in the development of our city, while serving as a model for libraries of the future. To learn more about the library and our new support, read my [blog post](#) and this [press release](#).

Sincerely,

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