Giving Opportunities

$10,000,000 - 15,000,000 x 1  -- Name the library  -- Includes construction of new 2-story atrium with elevator to the North of the existing Reference Room and A-BQ room.

$5,000,000 x 1  -- Gut-rehab of the pier stack shelving (shelves actually support the floor above) (currently BT-BV; and the BX floors). If the pier structure is eliminated, the lower level could accommodate compact shelving, freeing floor space on that level for 5 faculty offices or two seminar/conference rooms– depending on configuration. The upper area would then be structurally sturdy enough with the reengineering to accommodate two substantially sized classrooms and a small student reading/commons area or coffee bar. Within 15-20 years library book stacks will no longer be needed to the same extent to accommodate books (Already, about 18% of all book purchases are e-book purchases within the Duke Library System). In the coming era of the e-book, current library stack spaces will be returned to instructional, office and study space use. [http://library.duke.edu/about/depts/colldev/ebooks.html](http://library.duke.edu/about/depts/colldev/ebooks.html)

$2,500,000 x 1 --Endow the position of Director/Head librarian as has been done at peer institutions like SMU’s Perkins School of Theology (Bridwell Librarian); Princeton Theological Seminary (James Lennox Librarian). Library Directors will never become obsolete. Even in era of electronic rather than print books, libraries will need reference services and someone to make decisions about what electronic resources and ebooks to purchase. New library services (digitization, archiving, records management, copyright) will be the new norm. Library spaces (many of which will be re-purposed from book storage into more dynamic and higher traffic areas) will need to be managed. In short, libraries are changing, not becoming extinct, and the new information centers/libraries of the future will still require administration and leadership.

$1,750,000 x 1  – Endow the position of Divinity School Archivist and Historian. –Fund the position of an individual who would preserve the records, both print and digital, of the Divinity School and tell the story of its faculty, alumni, and programs-- highlighting the contributions that the Divinity School has made in the life and mission of the Church and academy.

$1,500,000 x 2  – Endowed Library Assistantships for Doctoral Students – Endowed fund to pay doctoral students to work part-time in the library or as library assistants “embedded in online classes” to answer reference questions in their subject specialties, recommend purchases (electronic, print, media) for the collection in their areas of expertise, and serve as bibliographers in preparing recommended reading lists, etc to assist master’s level student patrons of the library. – Essentially, these funds would serve as financial aid for students. Each 1,500,000 gift would provide $75,000 in financial aid revenue annually at a 5% draw, enough to fund 5 Assistantships valued at $15,000 each.
$1,250,000 -- Establish a media and technology support center to assist faculty and students in communicating their intellectual content to the world in digital and media formats. This gift would enable purchase of video editing, digital music processing and broadcasting equipment/licenses, software, and endow a part-time staff member to work with faculty and students with the new media technologies. This program would be similar to one already established at Asbury Theological Seminary.

$1,000,000 x 2  General Library Endowment for Programming and collection. In the shifting world of print vs. e-books, and new library initiatives, unrestricted library endowment will allow the most flexibility to roll out new programming, collect books in new formats, update equipment as needs arise.

$750,000 x 1 or 2 -- Compact Shelving on the lower levels to accommodate books more efficiently and free floor space for student and instructional uses.

$300,000 x 1  Name our Reference Room. Plans are in process to refurbish our reference room with new floor covering, light fixtures, HVAC and mechanicals, electric trenching, refinished book cases, new ceiling tiles, new study tables. Renovation will be complete in 2015.

$250,000 x 2 -- Endowment to support web hosted digital services and resources for local congregations and alumni.

A) Alumni Databases: A few databases now provide access for alumni if institutions are willing to pay the subscription fees based on the # of living alumni. This fund would enable us to resource our graduates in their ministries. Right now we are subscribing to the ATLA database for alumni, though we are using funds that would otherwise purchase items for our circulating collection for current students to do so. Each database runs several thousand dollars in cost.

B) Hosting services (server space) for digital collections accessible to and targeted for local congregations. For example, a database of sample children’s sermons and children’s sermon ideas. Digital and online resources require server space and storage in the “cloud” in order to operate.

$150,000 x 1 -- To support programming focused on local congregations. Examples of the type of programming that is funded and administrated through the library may include honorariums/travel to churches for faculty book signings and readings, resource kits for church book clubs, offset fees/honoraria for consultants to do technology and AV audits of local congregations, etc.

$50,000-100,000 (unlimited). Endowments for growing the collection. Regardless of format, we will still have to pay for databases and books for our students, visitors, and faculty. The ebook revolution actually increases our expenditures since we must pay for hosting on servers as well as the content of the books. Donors could select a subject to endow, or give an unrestricted collection development fund so that as new faculty members are hired with new research
interests, the collection can be developed to support their needs and those of the student to whom they will be assigning reading.

$100,000 \times 3$ Endowment for Library technology. From administrative software to hardware like video conferencing systems, the information age is one where technology changes rapidly. These funds would assist the library and library patrons in always having access to up to date software and equipment.

$75,000 \times 1$ Naming opportunity. Doctoral Suite. The lower level, north stacks are being renovated. Construction will be complete 2015. The area will be repurposed and used as a doctoral study suite with study carrels with locking shelves, e-print station, a small alcove with soft seating for conferences and tutorials, lockers. Area will get new light figures, electric, the North windows will be uncovered, new flooring treatments, etc.

$50,000 \times 1$ Naming opportunity. Circulation Area. Replace carpeting, window treatments, computer terminal counter, new circulation desk. (Current circulation desk is configured for 1990’s style services. We really need a smaller desk with multiple counter heights for handicapped/wheel chair service, etc.) NOTE: The “Library Services Room” as a whole was named back in 1999 for a gift made for a donation to Christian Education by the Jolly family. We could name the circulation desk and replace the carpeting in the whole room.

$50,000 \times 1$ Naming opportunity. Reading Lounge. –The plans for the renovation to be completed 2015 include a Library Reading Lounge with windows that overlook the chapel lawn. Lounge will be furnished with a combination of soft-seating and small study tables.

$50,000 \times 1$ Visiting researcher endowment. Like funds available at other institutions (Bridwell Library at SMU), these funds would defray costs of a needy researchers to travel to Duke to use those materials in Divinity has added to the Rubenstein rare book collection and/or materials that cannot be digitized or loaned due to copyright or condition.

$25,000 \times 1$ Naming opportunity. Conference/Seminar Room – The current library computer lab space will undergo complete renovation that will be complete in 2015. Renovation includes opening the windows/window wells (currently walled over), new carpet, ceiling, light fixtures, waterproofing walls that are below ground level, new HVAC. Furnishings will include board room table, and AV rich technology commensurate with distance learning and collaboration with peer institutions across international borders via video.

$20,000 \times 1$ Refurbish Jordan Reading room (Periodical Room). Last updated in 1999, the room in in need of new carpeting, light fixtures, window treatments, study tables, etc.

$15,000 \times 1$ Self check-out kiosk. Our library system can accommodate a kiosk where patrons can check out their own books at the door. There are a few of these kiosks in used to great effect in the Perkins library. Some patrons enjoy the privacy of checking out titles without student and
library staff knowing the subjects they are researching and self check-out kiosks maintain their privacy.

$13,000  Zeta – scanning kiosk with built-in patron access computer.

$7,500 x 1  --Naming opportunity: Mini Gallery Display/Area. In plans for the library renovations that will be completed in 2015 there is a 16 x 16 foot vestibule on the lower level immediately outside of what will become a conference/seminar room, entry to an elevator, and the entry to the doctoral carrel/study area. This area will be outfitted with an art hanging system, art spotlights on tracks, a pedestal for displaying 3 dimensional art, and a bench for viewing the artwork.

$3,000 – 6,000 x 10  A number of very fine rare books, 1st editions, and manuscript works from the 19th century are available in this price range and we would be pleased to work with donors who are interested in adding to our collection. This is a unique opportunity to invest in theology and faith resources as represented through the art of special books and rare older materials.

$2,500 x 8  --Refurbish locking carrels on 2nd floor. These mini 4 x 6 rooms require new paint, new high-quality task chairs, new electric/lighting, new desks, small book shelves, and new floor coverings. Doors/outer walls require sanding and refinishing.

$2,000 x 10 – Laptops (high quality machines fully loaded with licensed software) for check-out to patrons for their use, for visiting scholars, for guest speakers who require laptops for presentations, etc.

$1,000 x 40  --Study Desks and chairs. All existing single student study desks and task chairs require replacement. Wood glue on current chairs is coming undone and they are worn and dated. Ergonomic task chairs would promote study. Current study desks are older, scarred, and not of the same caliber of equivalent student study desks in Perkins/Bostock libraries.

$500 x 20  -- Soft Seating -- Armchairs and end tables for casual seating for reading/studying. Would be spread throughout the library.

$250 x 8  -- Counter and Stool height task chairs for service counters and work stations. (Existing chairs are 10+ years old and have cracked vinyl, broken springs, etc.)

$100 x (unlimited) --Average cost to sponsor the cost of an e-book on an academic institutional license. Ebooks for institutions have additional access, licensing, and platform/server fees.

$50 x (unlimited) --Average Cost to sponsor the cost of a print book, its shipping and cataloging. Academic books can run from $20 (Eerdmans, Westminster John Knox) to about $250 (Brill, Ashgate, Eisenbrauns).