# **Building Community** by Creating Meaningful, Welcoming Spaces

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### **INVITATION TO EXPERIENCE**

The Art of Storytelling as Design for Exhibitions at the University of Miami Libraries

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### **Coral Gables Campus**

- Architecture Research Center
- Judi Prokop Newman Information Resource Center (Business)
- Marta and Austin Weeks Music Library
- Otto G. Richter Library (Interdisciplinary)
  - Includes the Goizueta Pavilion (home of Cuban
     Heritage Collection) and Kislak Center at the University
     of Miami (home of Special Collections and University
     Archives)
- Law Library \*

### **Medical Campus in the Health District**

- Louis Calder Memorial Library (Health sciences)
- Mary & Edward Norton Library of Ophthalmology \*

#### **Rosenstiel Campus on Virginia Key**

Rosenstiel School Library

More info at <u>library.miami.edu</u>

select "Libraries & Collections"

\*Administered by their respective schools

### **COLLECTIONS AND INFORMATION**

4.1 MILLION volumes

1.5 MILLION ebooks

138 THOUSAND ejournals 1.5 MILLION digital images



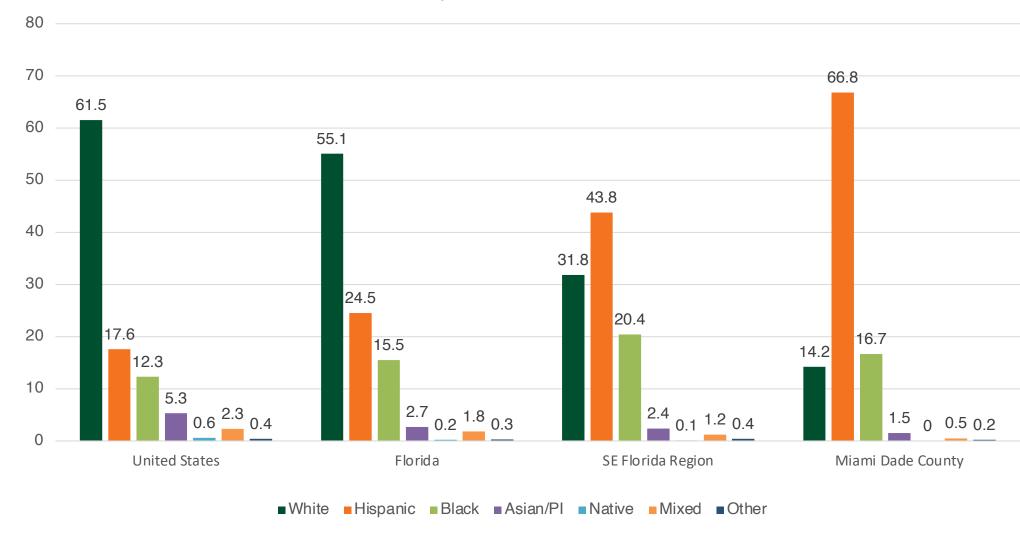
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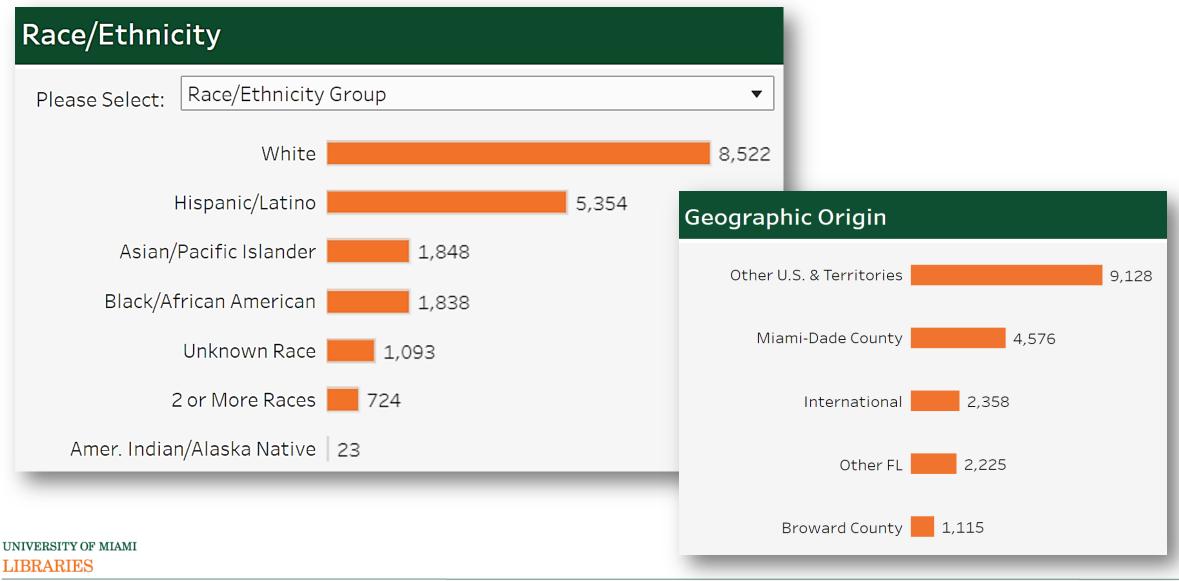


### **General Population Characteristics**

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### Storytelling elements within exhibition design development

**MYSTERY** 

**SPIRIT** 

MESSAGE

**METAPHOR** 

**SCALE** 

SPONTANEITY

### THANK YOU

# Meaningful space & structure

Darwyn Henderson, Branch Librarian

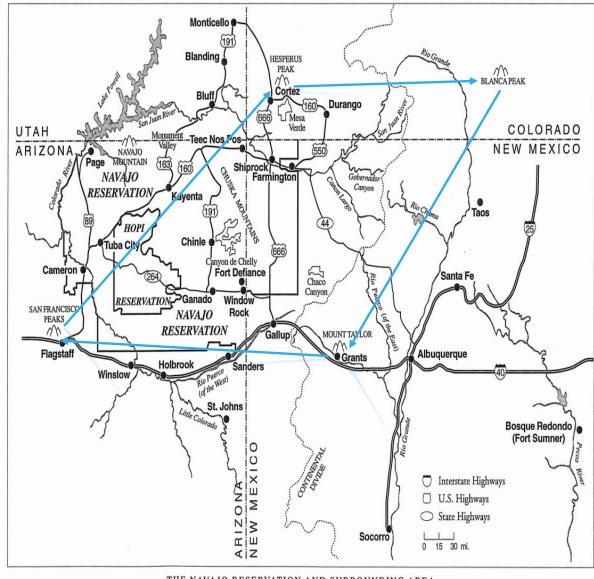




## A connection between human and the natural world.

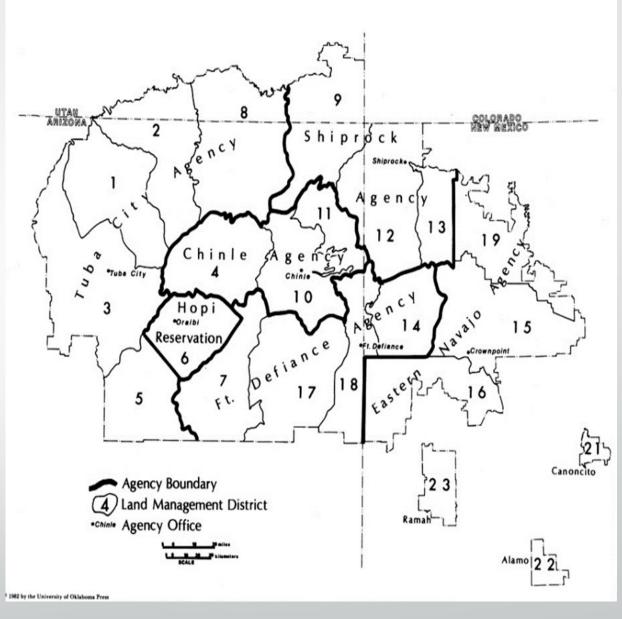






THE NAVAJO RESERVATION AND SURROUNDING AREA

Din'e Bik'eyah, our ancestral land,



Navajo Nation in original chapter agencies

# Din'e College, the flagship tribal college, established in 1968

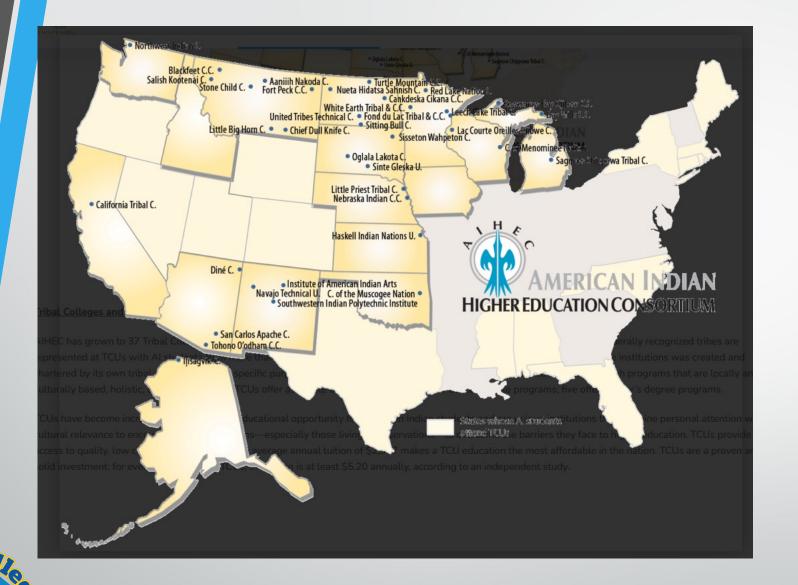
- 1st Tribally controlled and accredited college
- Serves over 2,000+ students at 1 main campus,
   2 campus sites, 2 centers and 2 microsites
   spanning Arizona, New Mexico and Utah.
- Rooted in Din'e language and culture



### DINÉ COLLEGE O







- Din'e College is one of the 37 established Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs).
- Each is independent of each other and unique to the tribe it serves.
- Most are tribally controlled colleges and universities.



## Cultural relevance and attention to Din'e worldview











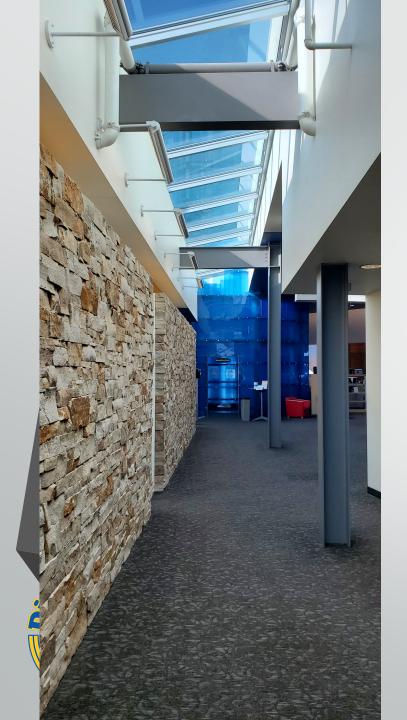
Spaces created to reflect time and celestial relationships in the Din'e worldview.

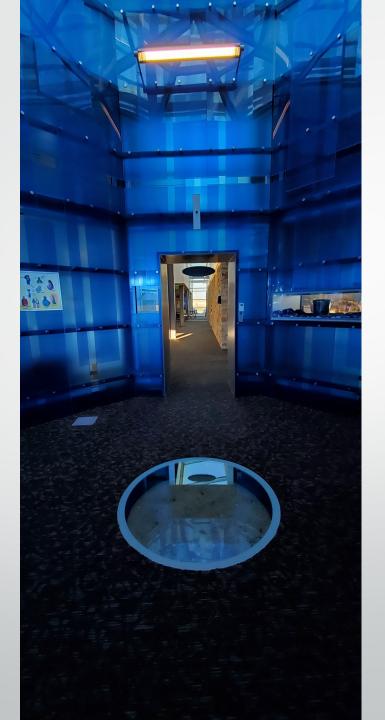
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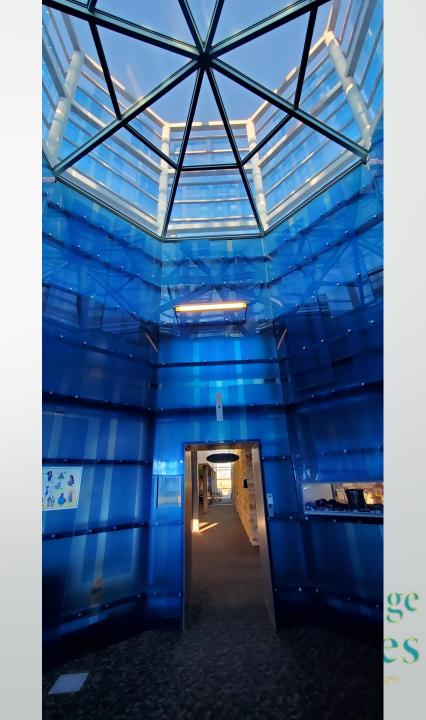
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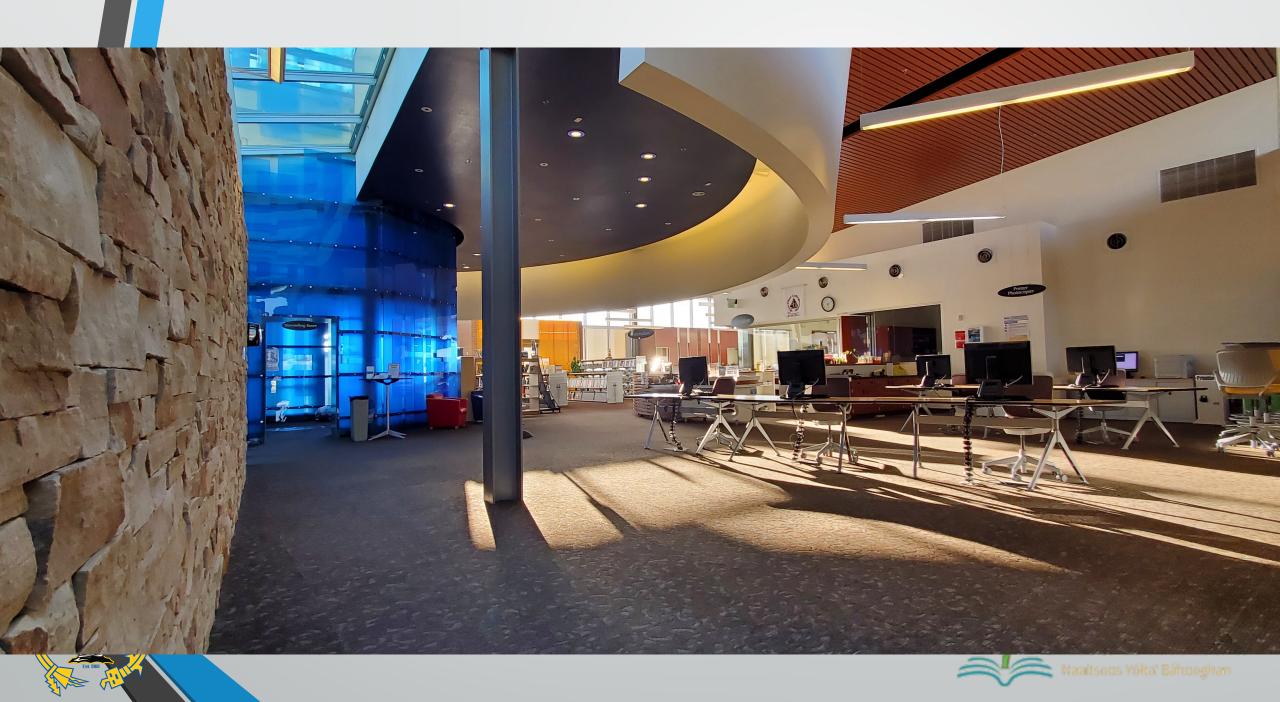


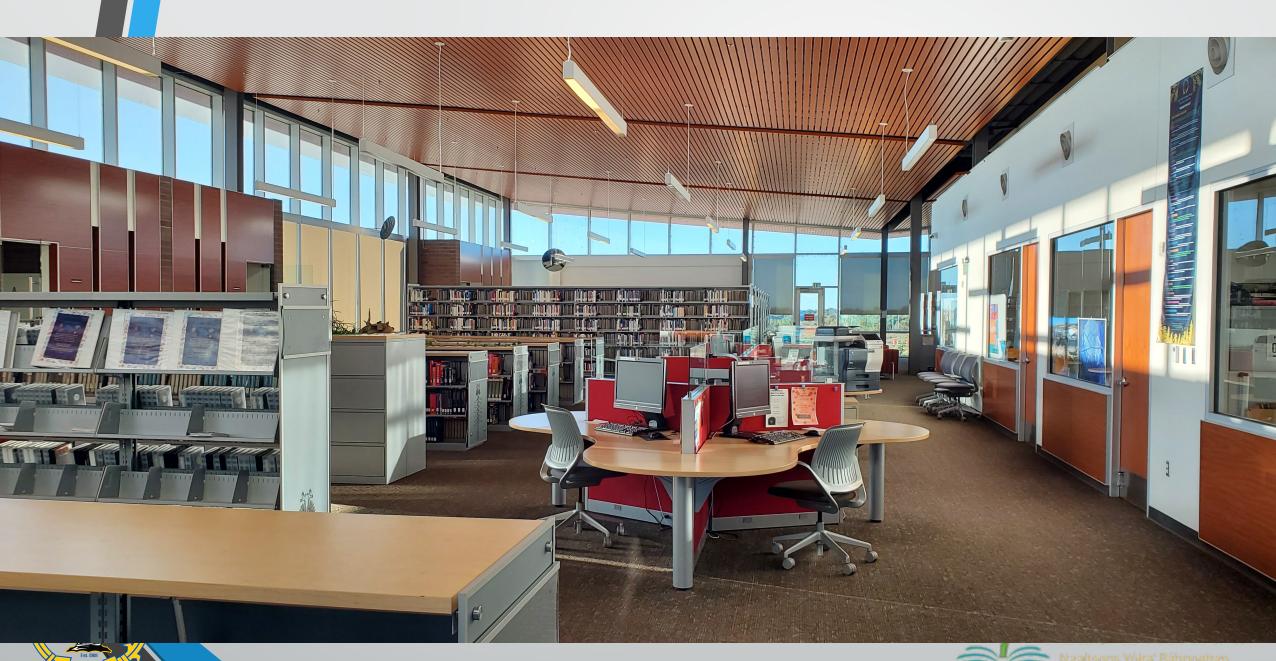


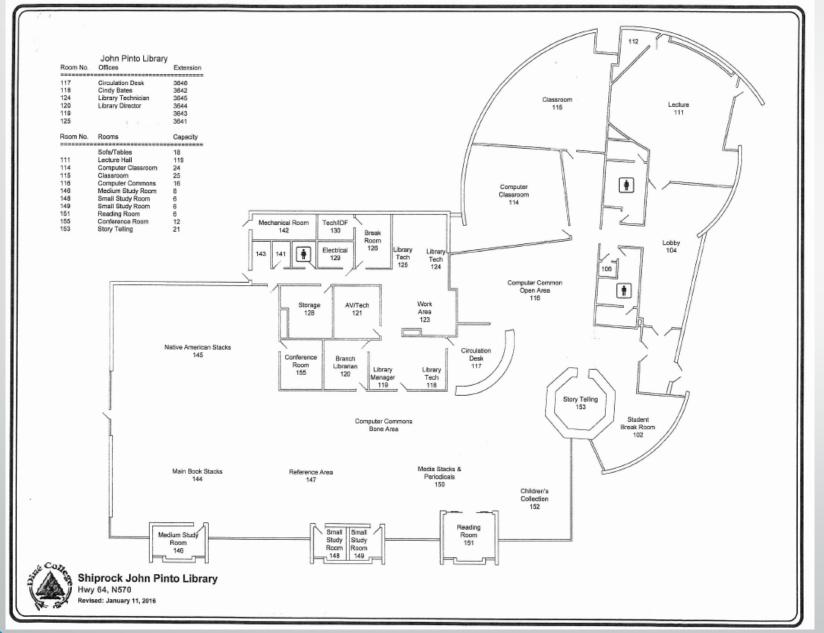














### Welcoming space and shared knowledge







Guest speakers bringing community together, "Bigfoot stories"







Intersect with K-12 classrooms and exchange of ideas.



Shared cultural knowledge promoting Din'e culture and language survival







# Opportunities to connect and a hope for nation building.

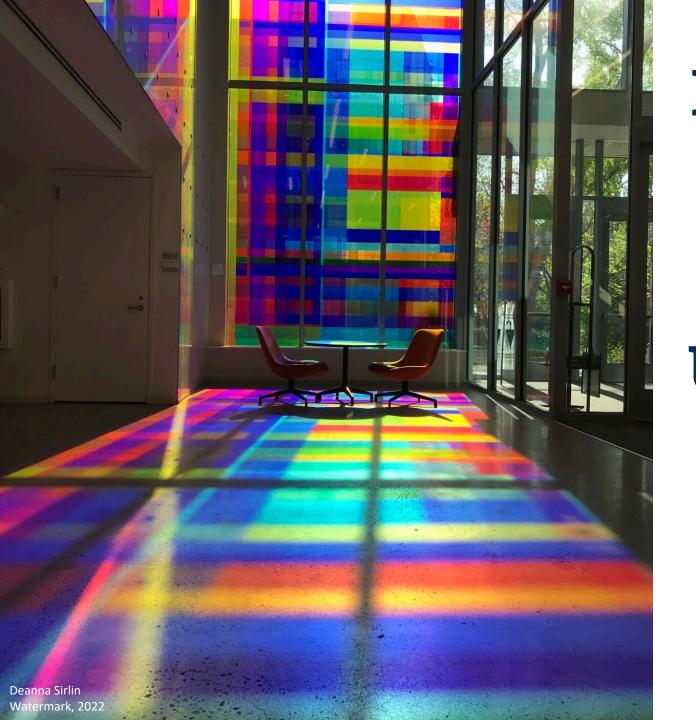


Din'e author speaking to local middle school students



Latest Rez dog rescue, Stewie





# Library as Canvas: Crafting an Artistin-Residence Program for a University Library



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Georgia Institute of Technology

# Georgia Institute of Technology

6M

Residents in Metro Atlanta

11k

**Undergraduate** students

19k

**Graduate** students





Crosland Tower,
Price Gilbert Library, &
Clough Undergraduate
Learning Commons

100 employees, open 24/7, & 2 off-site facilities

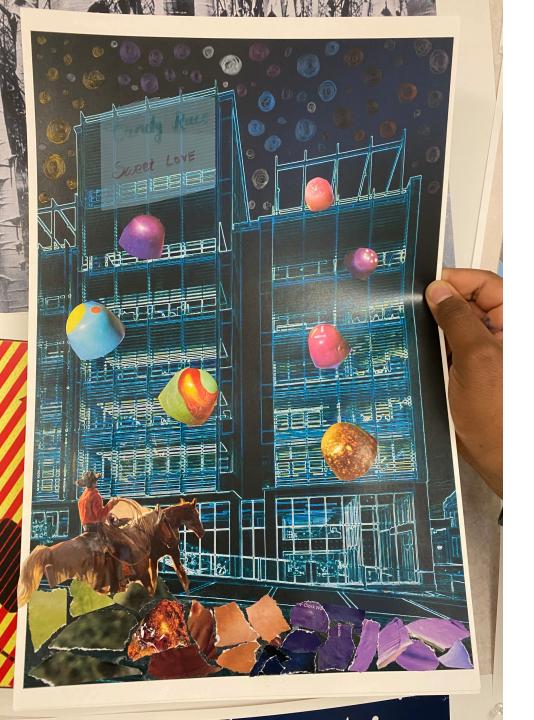
Colleges: Engineering, Computing, Sciences, Design, Liberal Arts, & Business

# Why a Library Artist-in-Residence?

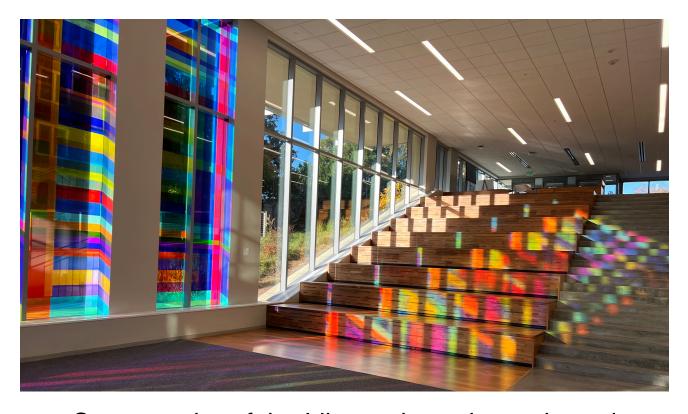


Exists to enhance and expand the current educational experience through arts-based programming as it relates to STEM fields and Georgia Tech areas of study.





### Why a Library Artist-in-Residence?



Supports the of the Library through arts-based programming and engagement as a core responsibility of the artist-in-residence.



## What exactly does this artist do?



Visiting artist engages the Georgia Tech community in an artistic and aesthetic exploration of the role of the libraries in society

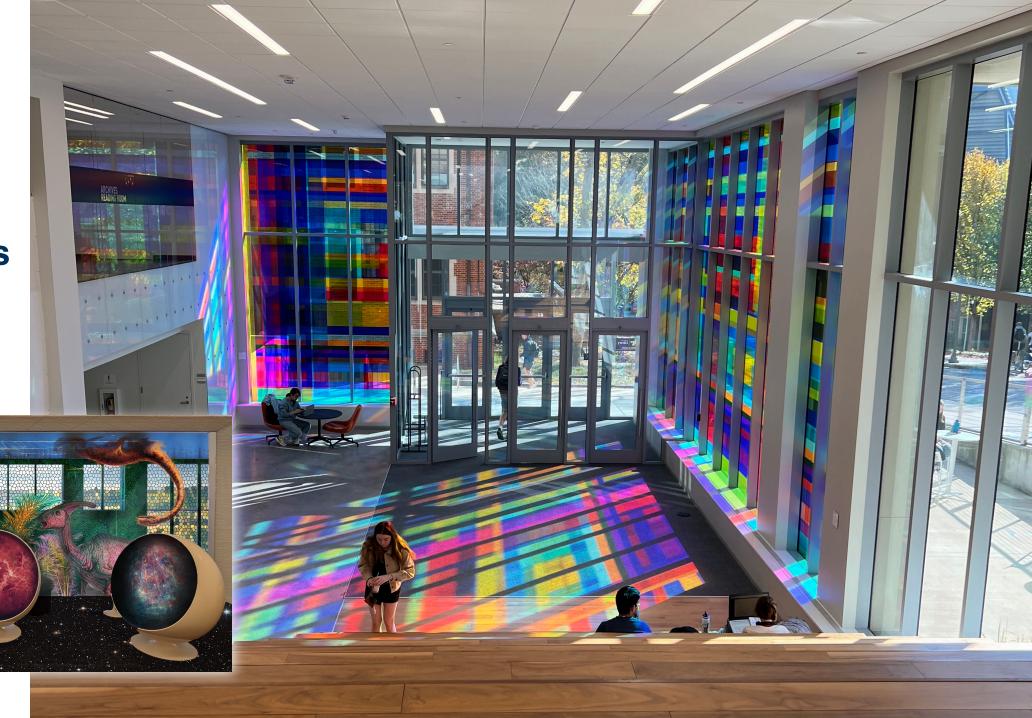


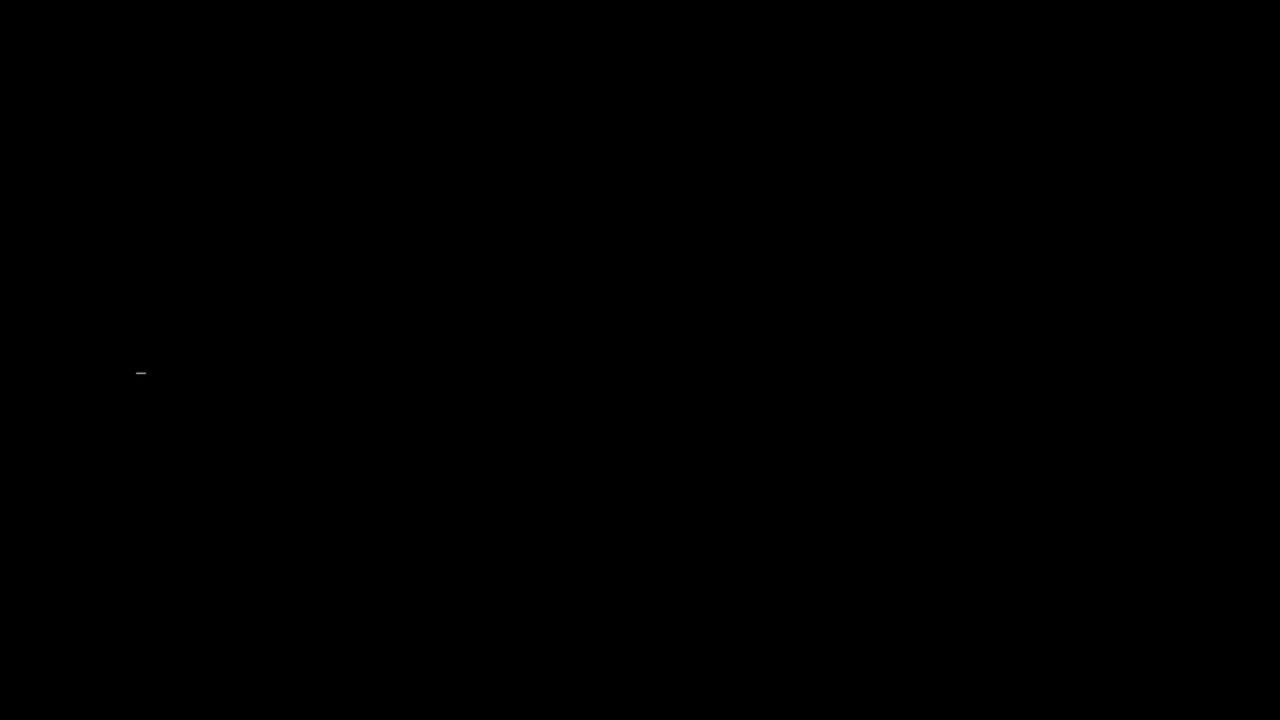
1 semester

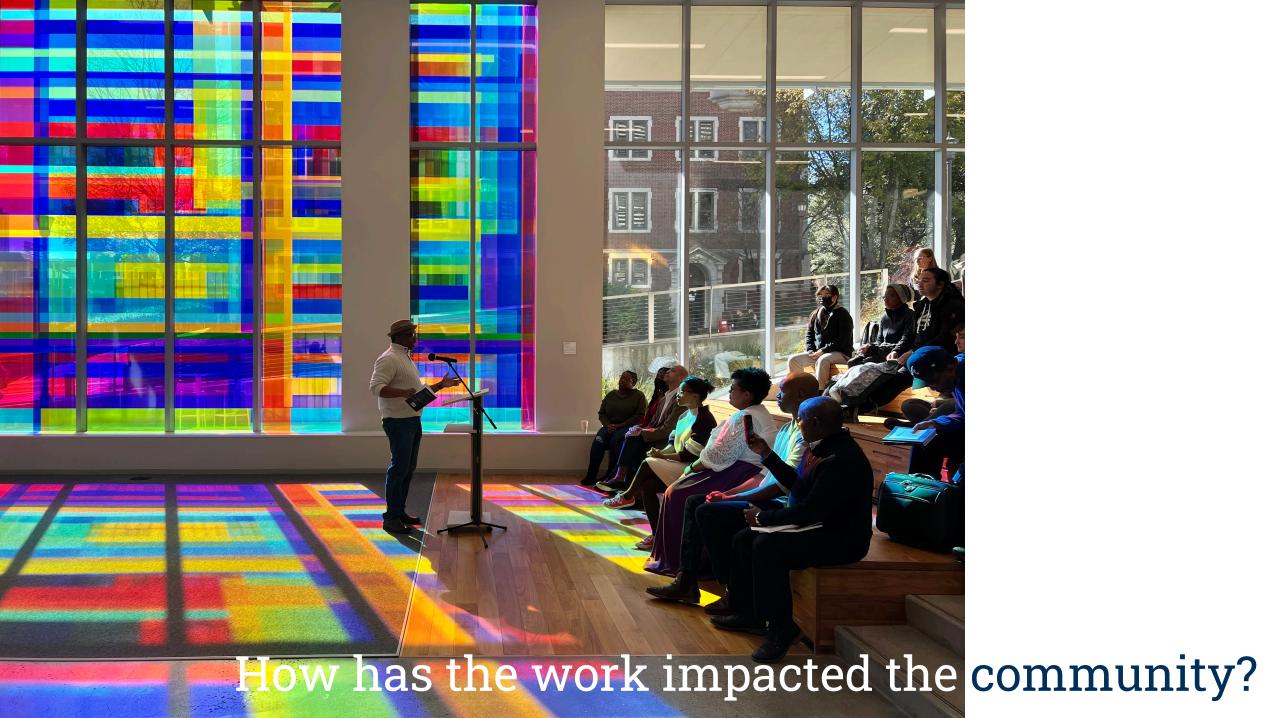
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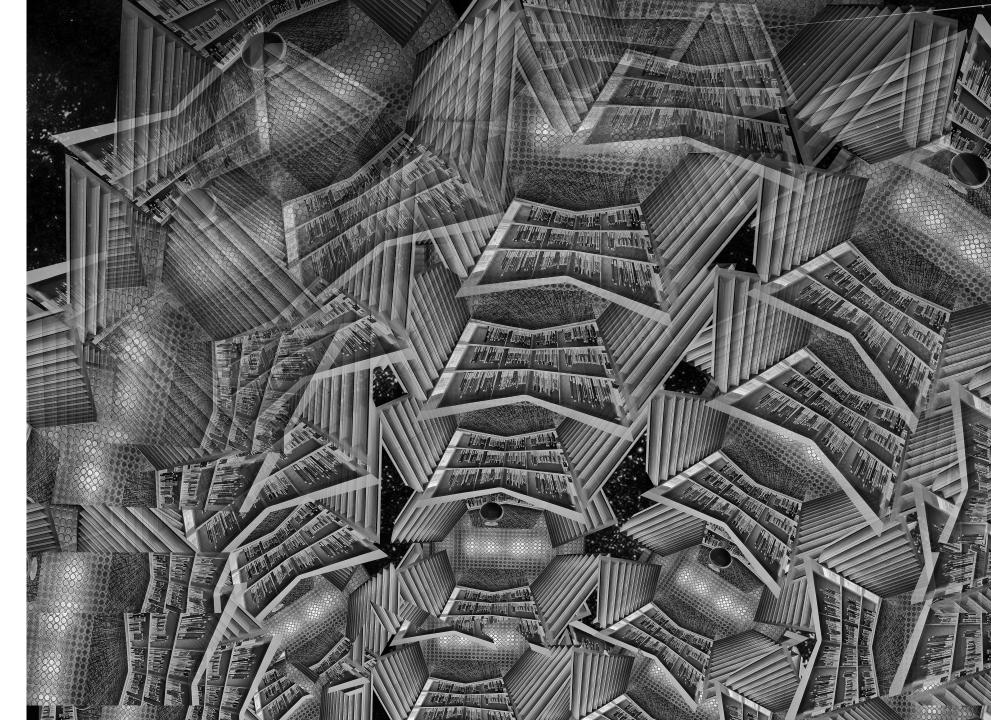
3 workshops

1 artist talk



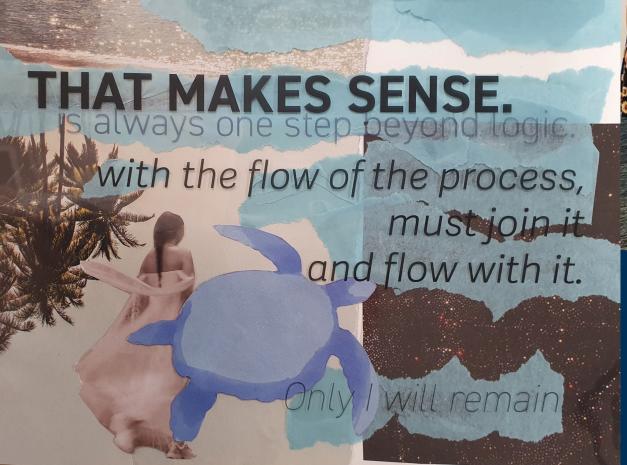






Jack Shao *Utopia,* 2022 Digitally manipulated photo collage

### How might this





scale?