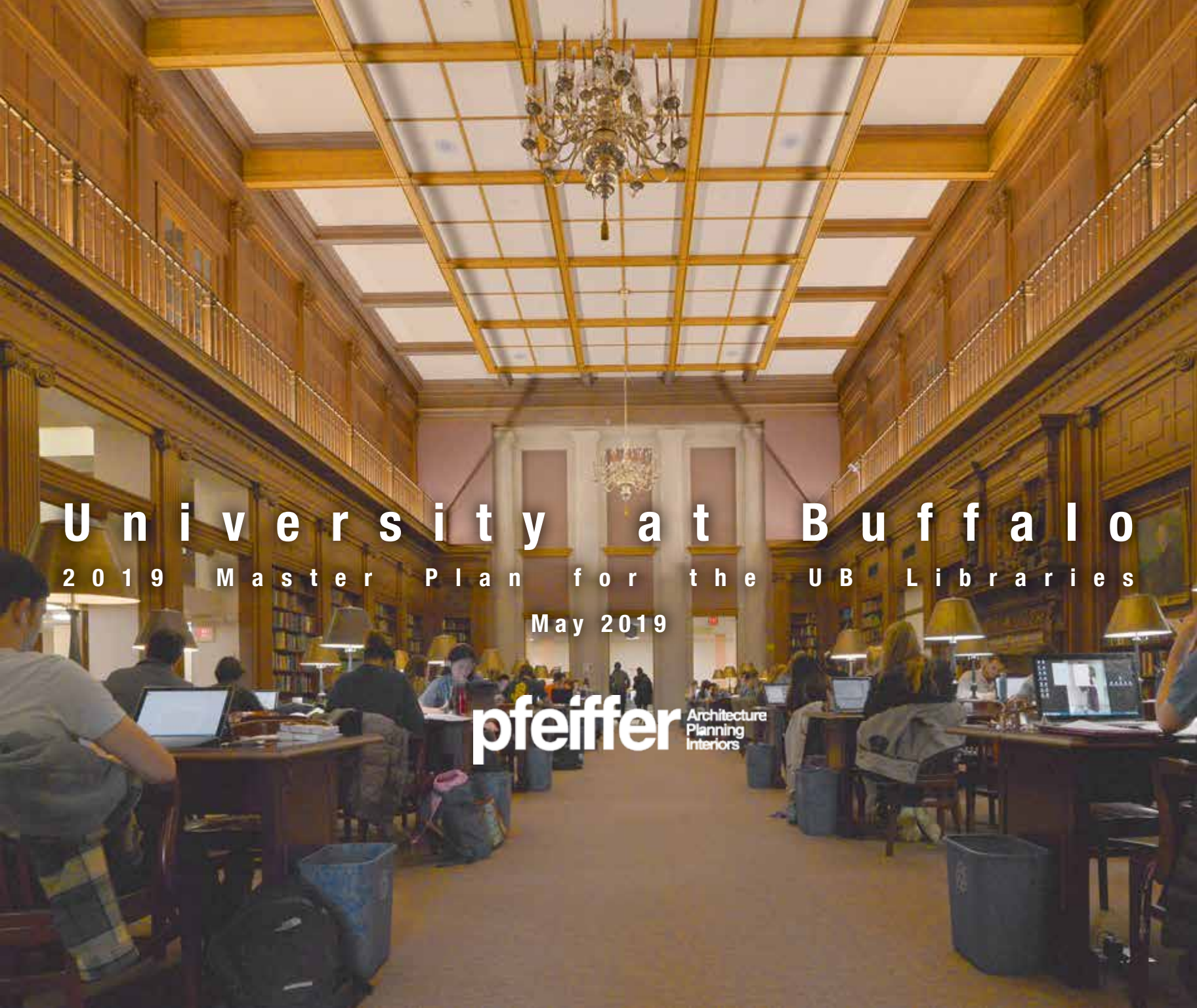


# University at Buffalo

2019 Master Plan for the UB Libraries

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## O'Brian Hall:

- Improve the building entry and vertical circulation at the plaza level; an improvement for both the Library and the Law School.
- Reconfigure the second floor corridor and Library entry to improve discoverability and relieve pedestrian flow conflicts.
- Reconfigure the main second floor reading room to become the community-oriented Civic Square, while addressing several code-compliance issues.
- Create a new fifth floor Grand Reading Room by enclosing the underutilized courtyard.
- Plan Library use with a general “zoning” of use: emphasis for the Law School at the upper three floors, including relocation of the enclosed second and third floor carrels to the 6th and 7th floors.
- Provide additional restrooms within the secure boundaries of the Library.





## Lockwood Library:

- Create a new heart of the Library for the North Campus.
- Develop a prominently-sited North Campus presence for Special Collections.
- Demystify circulation from the ground floor into the Library.
- Enclose the plaza to create a central Library Atrium, addressing deferred maintenance issues with the existing façade.
- Maximize high-density stacks at the lower level by infilling the courtyard opening and expanding into additional contiguous space.
- Leverage connections with the planned Innovation Hub at the ground floor and other student-facing spaces at the second floor.
- Enclose the open overhang spaces at the west and south.
- Create clear entrance points from the new central Library Atrium at the southwest and northwest corners of the building at the ground floor.
- Expand library instruction space in a prominent and visible location.
- Allow space for future improvements to infrastructure.
- Integrate current Cybrary use seamlessly throughout the Library; repurpose the space for affiliate uses.
- Align the master plan with other campus initiatives (the Innovation Hub and student support spaces at Baldy)

## Baird Hall:

- Decant the Music Collection from Baird into a contiguous zone at Lockwood Library



## Abbott Hall:

- Develop a new identity for Abbott as The Library on the South Campus.
- Create a central home for Special Collections.
- Reopen the historic entrance at the NW façade and stairs while addressing building code and accessibility challenges.
- Expand the building toward the southeast while creating a more open and aesthetically pleasing façade.
- Improve building circulation to provide “front door” presence for program elements throughout the building.
- Restore daylight penetration to the Austin Flint reading room.
- Use the fourth floor as Library Administration space.





















a new west entry for lockwood library











