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MACROVISION High-def MacroTiles make up a giant screen in the NCSU Hunt Library's iPearl Immersion Theater

Tomorrow, Visualized

NCSU's new Hunt Library is designed to inspire the researchers of the future, using large-scale visualization tools

By Meredith Schwartz

As I got ready to tour the James B. Hunt Jr. Library at North Carolina State University (NCSU), Raleigh, last spring, as part of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) meeting held nearby, the buzz about the newly unveiled building had reached such a level that I expected to find it, however cool, overhyped.

It wasn't. It was exactly the right amount of hyped.

"Every corner of the Hunt Library is designed to be memorable and stunning," the library's vision claims. Grandiose as that might sound, those corners deliver.

In an era in which many libraries even at great institutions are struggling to do enough with less, it's refreshing to see a university able and willing to invest in the library as

both the symbolic and the operational core of the institution. The project was funded by \$115.2 million in state appropriations, plus donor support.

Building an inspiration

The vision for the Hunt Library is ambitious in the extreme: to "create spaces that encourage collaboration, reflection, creativity, and awe" and "to be a place not of the past but of the future." The university made such an investment because it feels the library will be a competitive advantage. "A signature library," Susan K. Nutter, vice provost and director of the NCSU Libraries and the 2005 *LJ* Librarian

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GREAT PRODUCTS AND
FURNISHINGS FOR YOUR LIBRARY



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and other community spaces, these can be deployed as individual pieces or configured together in arrangements large and small. Also available are an optional headrest, standing-height shelf, stools, and pull-up tables. **List Price:** Call for price. **DEMCO Interiors**, 800-747-7561, www.demcointeriors.com

Playful yet sophisticated

The **Manitou Chair**, with its six shell-shape options, is a practical solution for any high-traffic space. The curved plywood shell



is available in any of 33 Fresh Coast finishes. Sturdy steel legs, powder-coated in a variety of colors, are available in multiple heights, as is a sled base. It passes the 500-pound weight test; stackable. **List Price:** Call for price. **Fresh Coast**, 616-885-5850, www.freshcoastfurniture.com

Distinctive and cool

The original **Zoon Stools** are available in multiple seat heights. With upholstered, laminate, linoleum, or wood top



to select from, the durable seat will add texture and color to any environment. The tubular metal base, available in nine powder-coat finishes, is complemented by a high-performance nylon glide that comes in five colors. **List Price:** Call for price. **Fresh Coast**, 616-885-5850, www.freshcoastfurniture.com

Got milk? Create inviting spaces with the comfortable **Community Milk Stacking Chair**. As light as a gallon of milk for



easy stacking and arranging, yet durable, the chair is available in a broad range of plastic, fabric, and vinyl upholstery options to suit café, meeting room, or community areas. **List Price:** From \$170. **Gaylord**, 800-448-6160, www.gaylord.com

A clear choice Made from a single piece of molded plastic, the **Community Wink Guest**



Chair is both decorative and durable. Flowing curves, slim chrome legs, and a range of translucent and opaque color options make this award-winning, stackable chair fit for any space. **List Price:** \$289. **Gaylord**, 800-448-6160, www.gaylord.com

Seating with a twist Make seating fun and functional with the **ErgoErgo® Stool**. It allows the body to rock gently in any



direction, building core strength while keeping the occupant alert and energized. Dynamic sitting improves concentration, making the stool good for library or learning environments. **List Price:** \$99. **Gaylord**, 800-448-6160, www.gaylord.com

Settle in Regard is a modular seating solution that allows students to select a space for their needs, whether for individual or group work. Extra-wide seating supports multiple postures and comfort over hours. Integrated power brings power off of the floor



and removes trip hazards. A deep and wide armrest holds a range of materials. Other features include stain-resistant material, an integrated tray for food and beverages, and privacy

screens. **List price:** \$800 and \$2,000 list per seat. **Steelcase Education Solutions**, 212-931-6143, www.steelcase.com

Rounded corners The **Dottie children's chair**, with its round back, natural wood shell, and



plywood legs, can be finished in bright colors or more subdued tones, cutouts, and a variety of wood finishes. Chairs stack and are available in 12", 14", and 16" seat heights. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Pop of color The **Hank chair's** square back shell and wood turned legs can sport color or



wood tones, adding a bold touch to any space. Adult seat height. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Take a seat Whimsical and playful, the **Lottie chair** is perfect for children's areas in libraries. It has a square back, a natural wood shell, and is available in 12", 14", and 16"



seat heights. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Flexible choice Soft and comfortable, the **Plover Lounge**



is also lightweight, providing a nice seating option for flexible spaces. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Simply endearing With a bold rounded top and wood turned legs that can sport a



flash of color or wood tones, **Puck** is stylishly hip and endearing. Adult seat height. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Plug in Comfortable, boxy, and stylish, the **Whistler Armless Lounge with Power** is good



for a variety of applications, especially now as it features power solutions (front, side, and back panel configurations available). Numerous seating designs are available as part of the Whistler Modular System. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC**

Furniture, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Whimsical Whistler ottomans combine classic wood dowel legs (other leg styles available) with an upholstery seating option, allowing for adaptable



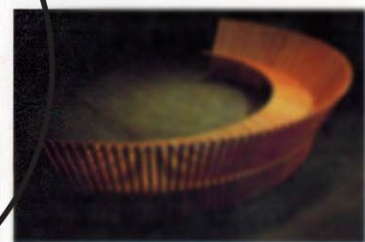
spaces. The **Whistler Ottoman** with divider adds another level of functionality, featuring a center divider shape that creates sections for unrelated groups to gather. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Striking shape This comfy, modern modular bench is all about versatility. The



customizable **Whistler Square Bench** coordinates with the Whistler Lounge Collection and is available in lounge chair, settee, and sofa versions. Power solutions are available. **List Price:** Call for price. **TMC Furniture**, 734-622-0080, www.tmc furniture.com

Magical bench The **Astral Bench** is constructed of solid hardwood "matchsticks" joined in a solid, gently curving bench seat, which seems to float in midair. The integrity of the bench relies on the careful placement of each element and joinery techniques. It can be



made in a number of diameters and lengths and can be built in many Northern hardwoods. **List Price:** Custom. **Thos. Moser Contract**, 207-753-9834, www.mosercontract.com

Presidential seating As seen in the new George W.