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- Visit [development.lafayette.edu/give](http://development.lafayette.edu/give) and designate Friends of Skillman Library
- Call **610.330.5034** to make a credit card gift, including those paid in monthly installments. Ask the operator to designate your gift to **Friends of Skillman Library**.
- Mail this form with your check payable to Lafayette College or credit card information to:  
**Friends of Skillman Library  
David Bishop Skillman Library  
Lafayette College  
Easton, PA 18042**
- Contribute rare books or manuscripts.  
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FRIENDS of SKILLMAN LIBRARY  
LAFAYETTE



# PAST

Founded in 1964 to support the educational mission of the new library—the Friends of Skillman Library continues that vital role today.



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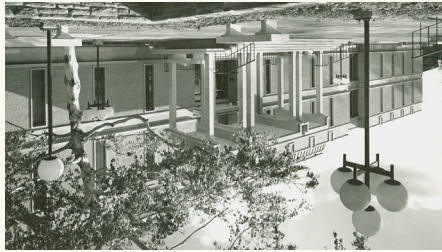
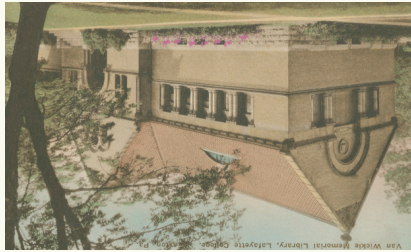
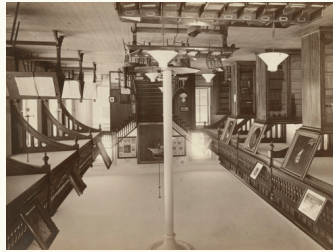
Left to Right:

South College Reading Room (1861–1899)

Van Wickle Library (1899–1963)

Skillman Library (opened 1963,

expanded and renovated 2004)



# PRESENT

Students, faculty, and staff benefit from Friends of Skillman Library support in a number of program areas.

Lafayette's first libraries were those maintained by the College's two competing literary societies begun in 1832. The first general library collection was established somewhat later with a gift of books from the estate of the Reverend David Bishop, a local Presbyterian minister. In 1861, students organized a society to purchase library materials, which were made available in a reading room in

South College at an annual cost of 3 per student. Van Wickle Library was the first free-standing library at Lafayette, serving the campus from 1899 until the Skillman Library opened in the fall of 1963. Skillman's name honors David Bishop Skillman (class of 1913) an Easton attorney, college historian, and secretary of the Lafayette Board of Trustees from 1915 to 1957.

DAVID SKILLMAN



Skillman Library's expansion and renovation in 2004 received the country's highest architectural awards. The transformed Skillman is spacious and light-filled and provides ample room for learning, collaboration, collections, exhibits, and technology. Librarians meet with over 250 classes in all disciplines every academic year. The Lafayette student of today can count on instruction in information literacy, one-on-one research assistance from librarians, and unique opportunities to explore primary sources in the Special Collections & College Archives.

## ANNUAL LECTURES

Skillman Library is the beneficiary of two named lectureships established by Friends—the John L. Hatfield '67 Lecture and the Paul and June Schlueter Lecture in the Art and History of the Book. Recent speakers have included Natasha Trethewey (above), Jill Lepore, Kevin Young, Heather Wolfe, and Michael Suarez.



## ACQUISITIONS

Friends support has enabled the purchase of remarkable rare books, including an 1809 *Iliad* that belonged to James Madison, a gift to him from the French publisher on his election to the U.S. presidency.

## EXHIBITIONS and PROGRAMS

Funding from the Friends makes it possible for Skillman Library to offer a lively and diverse exhibition series, as well as an array of public programming that contributes to the College's intellectual and cultural life. Recent exhibits have highlighted Islamic calligraphy (above), Tiffany at Lafayette, Shakespeare at 400, and Alice in Wonderland at 150.



# FUTURE

Friends of Skillman Library gifts will have a direct impact on teaching, learning, and research for 21st century Lafayette.

In 2014, the Lafayette Library was honored with the *Excellence in Academic Libraries* award from the Association of College and Research Libraries. The award highlighted the Library's commitment to digital scholarship, its pioneering of new models for collaborative content acquisition, and the impact of its Information Literacy and Special Collections programs on student learning.

## Skillman Library will continue to build on this legacy by offering new opportunities for student learning:

- by offering innovative programs that teach digital scholarship skills to students
- through initiatives to reduce the costs of textbooks and course materials
- by engaging in new collaborative partnerships with libraries at peer institutions across the country
- by providing the latest online tools and databases to enhance research
- by adding rare books and manuscripts that students may experience firsthand in class or on their own



Skillman Library is poised to meet the future with confidence and a little help from our Friends.

