

# DEDICATION

THE WARD M. CANADAY CENTER  
for Research and Use of  
Rare Books and Special Collections

## **The Center**

The Center replaces and enlarges the former Rare Books and Archives Department of the University Libraries. Using approximately 30% of the floor space on the fifth floor of the William S. Carlson Library, it provides a Preservation Area with precise temperature and humidity controls, a Display Area with exhibit versatility, a Study Area for researchers, and a Work Area for staff. Building upon and developing existing collections while also opening up new resource fields, the Director and staff will gather works which both aid the research efforts of the University and abet the appreciation of rare literary materials in the wider Toledo community.

The Center is named in memory of Ward Murphey Canaday, Toledo industrialist, who manifested a deep interest in literature, art, and the classics. For many years he was the President of The Friends of The University of Toledo Libraries. He was not alone in suggesting that just such a center was needed. His daughter, Mrs. Lyman Spitzer, Jr., has underwritten the cost of the physical construction. Also honored at this Dedication is Miss Lucille B. Emch, former Rare Books Librarian, who labored fifty years in the University Libraries and strove mightily for the achievement of this Center.

The University is grateful not just to Mrs. Spitzer for her gift but also to the very many others who have contributed to the success of this venture: The Friends of The University of Toledo Libraries; the University faculty; and the Library faculty and staff. This Dedication, then, is a celebration of the past and the future.