2017 Calendar

Greetings

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
**Mission**

The University Library is central to the intellectual life of the University. By providing and stewarding collections and content that comprise a current and retrospective record of human knowledge and by offering a wide array of services, it enhances the University’s activities in creating knowledge, preparing students for lives of impact, and addressing critical societal needs. The Library advances the University’s goals by ensuring unfettered access to information and by providing a network of expertise that ensures value, quality, and authenticity of information resources. The Library integrates and manages knowledge to enable learning and the creation of new knowledge.

**Vision**

The Library is central to the vibrant intellectual life found at Illinois. Infused throughout the University, the Library fully engages with the University’s mission by offering physical and virtual access to the finest and broadest array of scholarly resources available and by providing the expertise of the best librarians and staff. Serving scholars around the world, the Library’s global preeminence reflects the University’s land-grant values and its own rich heritage.

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**BY THE NUMBERS**  
*Fiscal Year 2016 Statistics*

- **13,928,450** Total Volumes Held
- **6,181,838** Visitors (Gate Count)
- **3,928,450** Books Freely Available in Google Books or HathiTrust
- **384,934** Items Circulated
- **77,648** Reference Questions Answered
- **6,181,838** Visitors (Gate Count)
- **1,229,958** E-books
- **35,197,897** Database Searches
- **8,655,109** Electronic Downloads
- **1,229,958** E-books
- **34,311** Loanable Technology Requests Fulfilled through the Undergraduate Library
- **79,479** Items Loaned to Other Libraries via Interlibrary Loan
- **229,047** New Items Added
LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

As many of you know, the University of Illinois is observing a very special anniversary in 2017. Our institution will have shaped the higher education landscape for 150 years. The University Library will celebrate this same anniversary as it was also founded in 1867 in the charter establishing the school. Who could have predicted that the original library, with only 1,039 volumes in 1868, would become one of the largest public academic libraries in the world boasting close to 14 million volumes?

Speaking of anniversaries, I am celebrating my third anniversary at Illinois, and I could not be more proud to be part of this library. In the midst of state and institutional chaos, we are a beacon. The Library has a unique role as “constant” in an environment of continuous change. Our core principles and roles are constants, even as our work changes. That constancy lends something important to the entire University of Illinois System.

We are a unique library. We are without peer in the way that we bring together extraordinary research capacity, operational excellence, outstanding collections, and a strong partnership with our faculty in the schools and colleges.

The Library is still, and will always be, relevant and important. The number of people coming into the Library has increased over the last 10 years. Visits have doubled from just under 2.5 million to almost 5 million per year, and they continue to rise steadily.

We stay true to our mission. The key elements of content stewardship and services that enhance “the University’s activities in creating knowledge, preparing students for lives of impact, and addressing critical societal needs” are central to everything we do.

Our priorities include strengthening the campus infrastructure to support scholarship and innovation; ensuring an integrated and coherent user experience of library services focused on user success in information retrieval and use; maximizing the use and impact of library services, collections, and spaces; and capitalizing on our national and international leadership to strengthen the research library ecosystem.

Our faculty and staff, as well as the students, researchers, and community members who have come to depend on the Library’s services and collections, thank you for your support. In light of the state’s financial challenges (the Library has taken reductions in its budget for two years now), your generosity is appreciated more than you know.

Just as this great university has been shaping the future since 1867, so too has our Library.

John P. Wilkin
Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson Dean of Libraries and University Librarian
Altgeld Hall was originally known as the Library Building until 1926. Today, Altgeld Hall houses the Department of Mathematics and the Mathematics Library.
PRESIDENTS’ DAY

University Hall was demolished, however the Illini Union, which now stands approximately in its place, retained the original clock from 1878.
In 1947, the Agricultural Building was renamed Davenport Hall, as a memorial to the late Eugene Davenport, who was dean of the College of Agriculture.
The stadium is a memorial to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign students who died in World War I; their names are engraved on the nearly 200 pillars surrounding the stadium's facade.
The Women’s Residence Hall is now known as Busey-Evans Halls, renamed for university trustees Mary E. Busey and Laura B. Evans, and still houses women only.
The Natural History Building housed the Geology Library until 2010.
The Physics Building, which housed the original Physics Library, is now the Materials Science and Engineering Building.
The Illinois Historical Survey was housed in Lincoln Hall (which underwent a major renovation between 2010 and 2012). Today, the Survey’s collections are part of the Illinois History and Lincoln Collections in the Main Library.
The Preservation Working Group, tasked with fostering the preservation of campus treasures and chaired by the University Library’s head of preservation and conservation, identified the Alma Mater for renovation. The extensive restoration took place between 2012 and 2014.
The Auditorium is known today as Foellinger Auditorium, named after Helene Foellinger, Class of 1932.
The Gymnasium is now known as Kenney Gym, named after Harold Eugene “Hek” Kenney, a former wrestler, coach, and administrator at Illinois.
Students used to register for their classes in the Main Library’s Reading Room. Registration then moved to the Armory. Today, students register online.
**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

During the 2015–2016 fiscal year, the Library received more than $2 million in cash gifts. The Library is grateful for these generous contributions, which help sustain its excellence and status as one of the world’s preeminent research collections.

The Library’s advancement effort is an integrated fundraising program that seeks support on several different levels, including the annual fund program, which includes the corporate matching gift program; major gifts, many of which are endowed funds; planned giving, or deferred gifts; and more.

The market value of the Library’s total endowment as of June 30, 2016, was $51.8 million. Invested both for income and long-term growth, endowment funds play an especially important role in helping the Library meet the challenges of the future.

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Our library system is one of the many gems of the U of I. It is more than just a collection of books. It is the people and the technologies that facilitate so many of the knowledge advances that make our university an outstanding institution of higher learning.

—Sheldon H. Jacobson  
Professor, Computer Science

**ENDOWMENT FUNDS**

Endowment funds provide a valuable opportunity to invest in the future of higher education. Each fund serves as a permanent financial resource that generates annual income for a designated purpose. In this way, donors create a living legacy that spans generations.

Library endowment funds are established with gifts of $25,000 or more, payable over a five-year period. The income is used according to the wishes of the donor and typically benefits a specific Library collection, program, or service.

**Funds Endowed from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016**

NANCY K. CLARK LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND  
To enhance and promote preservation and conservation efforts of paper-based collections in the University Library

FESSLER FAMILY UNIVERSITY LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND  
To enhance the collection and resources related to sport at the University Library to more fully support students, faculty, Illini athletes, and Olympians

CHESTER W. AND NADINE C. HOUSTON BIOLOGY LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND  
To support the Biology Library

STEVEN, MARLA, AND ROSS KRAUSE LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND  
To defray the costs of renovating the Communications Library

LARRY AND MARY MILLER ENDOWMENT FUND  
To support the “Ralph Fisher Professorship” and the Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Collections

JUANITA J. AND ROBERT E. SIMPSON UNIVERSITY LIBRARY DEANSHIP  
To supplement the funding of the faculty position in the University Library to be known as the “Juanita J. and Robert E. Simpson Rare Book & Manuscript Library Chair.”

For a complete list of endowment funds, please visit www.library.illinois.edu/friends.
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The University Library is thankful for its Library Friends. Each and every gift supports the Library’s collections and services and is greatly appreciated.

The Library would also like to recognize Library Friends who have donated their time. They have supported the strength and excellence of the Library’s collections, programs, and services in countless ways.

The Library has produced an Annual Report for decades, and has included an “honor roll” of donors—charitable alumni, friends, faculty, staff, businesses, organizations, and foundations. Regrettably, it is not able to offer such a list this year, due to technical challenges that have come with the implementation of a new campus database.

Your feedback is important to us and we would like to know how important this listing is to you. Do you want to see an honor roll in the future? Please let us know by calling (217) 333-5682 or emailing friends@library.illinois.edu.

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

Gifts Received in Memory of the Following Individuals from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016

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- Robert O. Blissard
- Darwin F. Bostick
- Jane A. Brichford
- Keith L. Brower
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- Dorn and Sarah Cox
- Anne Fribourg
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- Karen and David Ulric
- Sandy Wolf
- Mary F. Zirin

The library has been a remarkable partner in my graduate career...everyone on the staff was extremely helpful in addressing my many needs for research, storage, and access...thank you, for being such an incredible institution!

—Graduate Student

The libraries are one of my favorite parts of U of I. They are a safe and welcoming place to study.

—Undergraduate Student

It would simply be impossible to research and write a book without the support of the Library, particularly the good-natured, highly-flexible staff at Interlibrary Loan whom I have gotten to know well. The staff has always been super accommodating about my requests, which usually involve an extension of a deadline. Whenever I call the Library, the Library is there for me, whether it is getting a DVD released from undergraduate reserve or helping me acquire a rare book around the world. My requests bring in books from Europe and beyond.

—Peter Fritzsche
Professor, History
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Bird's-eye View, showing from left to right: Auditorium, Lincoln Hall, and Women's Buildings.