BY THE NUMBERS
Fiscal Year 2017 Statistics

14,147,939
Total Volumes Held

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Books Freely Available in
Google Books or HathiTrust

4,724,900
Visitors
(Gate Count)

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Items Circulated

348,701
Reference Questions Answered

348,701
ebooks

665,429
Database Searches

1,302,402
Electronic Downloads

9,355,250
1,302,402
New Items Added

71,604
Items Loaned to Other Libraries via Interlibrary Loan

71,604
Loanable Technology Requests Fulfilled through the Undergraduate Library

69,165
229,479
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1867
Board of Trustees appropriated $1,000 for purchase of 644 volumes to be housed in the office of Regent Gregory who served as Librarian. Books later moved to Library Hall in the first University Building (“The Elephant”).

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1902
FKW Drury named Acting Librarian (1902–1903).

1909
Phineas Windsor named Librarian and Director of the Library School (1909–1940). Windsor built the Library’s holdings from 127,000 to 1,500,000 volumes during his tenure.

1926
Main Library dedicated.

1935

1940
Carl M. White named Librarian (1940–1943).

1943
Robert B. Downs named Director of the Library and Library School (1943–1958) and then Dean of Library Administration (1958–1971).

1946

1956

1966

1969
Undergraduate Library building opened.

1971

1975
LETTER FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN

Let me begin by saying it has been a privilege to lead this great library while Dean John Wilkin has taken on the interim role of vice chancellor for academic affairs and provost. John and I are certainly tackling new challenges. However, we believe the experience and perspective we take with us from these temporary roles will only make us better when we return to our positions—mine at the Grainger Engineering Library and John’s here in the Main Library.

As many of you know, the university has been celebrating its Sesquicentennial, and I’m proud to say the University Library has been contributing in many ways. One such example is through hosting a Sesquicentennial Speakers Series with such lectures as The African American Student Experience at Illinois; Celebrating the University of Illinois: Engine of Innovation; and Illini Legends, Lists, and Lore: The History of U of I Varsity Athletics.

In addition, the Mapping History at the University of Illinois Project made its debut in October. The calendar you hold in your hands features images from this Mapping History, which offers a multilayered approach to telling the university’s history through maps, 3D imagery, and archival content.

These aforementioned efforts have been led by our University Archives. The Archives, a steward of the university’s institutional memory, has also established a comprehensive online bibliography of university history, and is currently developing a Voices of Illinois Oral History Portal. I encourage you to visit archives.library.illinois.edu/150 for more information about all of these exciting projects.

The Library also continues to provide services to meet the primary research and instructional activities of faculty and students across a wide variety of disciplines. Our rich collection of scholarly information content, the majority of which is born-digital, is made available to users via a robust user-facing discovery system that focuses on delivering full-text content to the user’s desktop or mobile device. The Library’s collection development decisions are data-driven and based on authoring, downloading, and citation patterns and metrics. There has also been a growing focus on providing digital scholarship services that support student and faculty collaboration, innovation, and entrepreneurship. The Library’s Scholarly Commons, Grainger Engineering Library Information Center, Grainger Engineering Library IDEA Lab, Media Commons, Research Data Service, and Digital Scholarship and Publishing units are all engaged in assisting faculty and students with a wide range of scholarly communication, research productivity, and grant and publishing activities.

Amidst all of the Sesquicentennial events, the university kicked off its most ambitious philanthropic capital campaign on October 13—the With Illinois campaign. This effort aims to raise $2.25 billion over the next five years. Here at the Library, we’ve been tasked to raise $35 million. The generosity of our many Library Friends is of the utmost importance if we are to meet this goal, and will sustain us as one of the preeminent research libraries in the country.

Thank you for being With Illinois...and the University Library.

William H. Mischo
Acting Dean of Libraries and University Librarian
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NEW YEAR'S DAY

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY (NO CLASSES)

SPRING SEMESTER INSTRUCTION BEGINS

ABOVE: The north face of the Old University Building, also known as “the Elephant,” the Urbana and Champaign Institute, and the Dormitory Building circa 1870. People, presumably the faculty and students of the university, stand posed in front of the building.
ABOVE: The University Military Band featured in the *Illio Volume II* in 1895. George Washington Riley (pictured in front row behind drum), a member of the Band who was “an artist on the snare drum,” was one of ten African Americans enrolled at the university between 1894 and 1904.
ABOVE: Female students in a physical training course work with weights circa 1910.
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ABOVE: Photo looking out at a lecture hall full of students. The classroom is in the present David D. Henry Administration building, but which was the site of the College of Commerce at the time the image was taken circa 1912.
ABOVE: A crowd gathers on the lawn of the main quad for an evening concert in 1916, possibly a twilight concert, by one of the university bands on the steps of the Auditorium. Numerous cars are lined up on the drive to the east of the lawn and Lincoln Hall can be seen through the trees in the background.
ABOVE: University President Edmund J. James stands next to the chimes outside of the Library (later Altgeld Hall), prior to the time the chimes were to be dedicated, on homecoming weekend of 1920 (October 30).
ABOVE: President David Kinley (left) and Lorado Taft, world famous sculptor and a U of I graduate (1879), in front of Taft’s “Alma Mater” during the sculpture’s dedication on June 11, 1929.
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ABOVE: Women’s Auxiliary Training Corps cadets in uniform march in formation just south of the Auditorium circa 1942.

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ABOVE: Four young men in wheelchairs sit for a photo, lined up along an accessibility ramp circa the 1950s. Left to right: Ronald L. Smoot, William E. Fife, Tom Luttier, and Jack Chase.
ABOVE: The Homecoming Court of 1951 with Clarice Davis, the first African American Homecoming Queen at a major American university.
ABOVE: On October 8, 1956, the three millionth volume for the Library was added to the card catalog listing by Catalog Librarian Marian Harman (right), while Director Robert B. Downs of the Library and Acquisitions Librarian Helen M. Welch examined the book itself. Pomponius Mela’s Cosmographia is a rare volume, printed in 1498, and the first geographical work to mention the discovery of a new world. Only five copies of this book are in the United States, and none other in the Midwest.
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, 2016 to June 30, 2017

SHEILA WIRTH LIBRARY UNRESTRICTED FUND
To provide unrestricted support for the Main Library

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A notable faculty member from the early years is Katharine Lucinda Sharp (1865–1914). Katherine Sharp was the head mistress of the Library Science school after it was transferred to Illinois in 1897 from the Armor Institute (now Illinois Institute of Technology). She was selected by Melvil Dewey, creator of the famed Dewey Decimal System, as the best librarian in the country to start and lead a library school at Illinois. She developed the curriculum for educating library patrons and the foundation for the success of the university’s library and library school. She served as Librarian and Director of the Library School from 1897 to 1907. Her papers are housed in the University Archives.

Learn more about Katharine Sharp in The Women Who Went West at go.illinois.edu/illinoisinnovators.
MEMORIAL GIFTS

From July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, the University Library received gifts in memory of the following individuals:

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From July 1, 2016, to June 30, 2017, the University Library received tribute gifts in honor of the following individuals:

Todd and Patricia Albery
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Tamara F. Bouseman
Dorn and Sarah Cox
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Barbara Ford
Anne Fribourg
Jay and Martha Gooze
Rachel Gooze
James and Diane Grube
Nancy and Wesley Grube
Scott Kaplan
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Joann D. Trimble
Karen and David Ulric
Emily S. Watts
Dorfredia Williams

Varsity Basket Ball Team featured in the Illio Volume VIII in 1901. Illinois’s first basketball team was in 1897 and it was a women’s team, not men’s.
**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.

All images in this calendar are from University Archives’ holdings and are featured in the online Mapping History at the University of Illinois Project created in celebration of the sesquicentennial of the University of Illinois.

The interactive website, a joint project of the University Archives, Scholarly Commons, and Illinois School of Architecture, highlights the university’s extraordinary history through archival documentation, GIS technology, and architectural modeling.
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