BY THE NUMBERS
YEAR IN REVIEW

Fiscal Year 2020 Statistics*

14,720,438
Total Volumes Held

20,544,449
Database Searches

217,249
Items Circulated

150,946
New Items Added

47,680
Reference Questions Answered

9,215,841
Electronic Downloads

1,734,063
ebooks

15,463
Loanable Technology Requests Fulfilled through the Undergraduate Library

2,588,140
Visitors (Gate Count)

869,434
Books Digitized by the University Library Available from Google Books, Internet Archive, and HathiTrust

40,877
Items Loaned to Other Libraries via Interlibrary Loan

*Some FY20 service usage affected by the COVID-19 pandemic

ON THE COVER

American Robin | Plate 131
These and the other birds featured in this calendar are from Audubon’s Birds of America.
For more information, see inside back cover.
As I’m sure you’ll agree, 2020 was a year like no other. None of us could have envisioned a worldwide pandemic, a near-shutdown of the campus, and a complete rethinking of how we interact with our friends, our colleagues, our patrons, and our very families.

And yet patiently, efficiently, creatively—the Library has endured, engineering new ways to serve the campus community, augment scholarship, and invent new ways to engage our public. This past year, we reaffirmed what we already knew—that the tireless spirit and endless imagination of our faculty and staff are among the brightest treasures of the Library. These dedicated individuals went above and beyond to assist scholars and students in the new world in which they found themselves.

It is in light of that perseverance and possibility that we bring you these images of John James Audubon’s *Birds of America*. We encourage you to revel in the Library’s astounding collections and remember that, despite the tumult of the recent past, the world around us can still inspire. Read more about Audubon’s masterpiece, part of The Rare Book & Manuscript Library, inside the back cover.

Inspirational may best describe how the Library adapted its services when the coronavirus struck. Without the ability to offer access to our extraordinary print collections and interact directly with our faculty and students, our librarians and staff worked hard to incorporate safety standards while devising strategies to help the campus succeed. With many of our resources already online, we nevertheless looked to enrich our offerings, partnering with other libraries and publishers to broaden our digital collections, and moving more of our teaching and reference work to electronic formats. We rushed to provide tips and technology for online teaching and working. And last fall, we cautiously reopened three libraries (Main, Grainger, and Undergraduate) for on-site consultation, item pickups, and modified study spaces, all the while maintaining digital services and collections.

As a mark of our ever-increasing efforts to improve our services, I urge you to examine the new Library Catalog which we launched last summer, allowing patrons to better explore and access the Library’s collection of books, e-journals, conference literature, technical reports, and other digital and print content.

Inspirational also describes the forward momentum regarding the library building project, a visionary plan to create a home for our remarkable rare and archival collections, and restructure parts of the Main Library stacks as a research hub for the humanities and social sciences. Last April, the Chancellor’s Capital Review Committee approved Phase One of the four-stage project, whereby the Undergraduate Library will be vacated by 2022 (its services consolidated within the Main Library) and reshaped by 2024 to house our special collections. Efforts to gather the nearly $50 million needed for Phase One continue apace, with nearly $40 million secured. Additional need remains, however, to finance this initial step and position us for subsequent stages when the economy recovers.

Inspirational also fittingly characterizes you, our donors, who continue to steadfastly support and appreciate our great Library. We remain grateful for your loyalty and generosity. With this new catalog, renewed vigor, and a breathtaking review of Audubon prints, I wish you an exciting year—one brimming with promise and replete with beauty.
The state bird of Illinois, the Cardinal is a common, permanent resident statewide. It inhabits woodlands, thickets, brushy and weedy areas, residential areas, and parks. Nesting occurs between April and August.
Red-winged Starling or Marsh Blackbird,

_Icterus Phoenicus_. Daud.

The red-winged blackbird is one of the first migrants into Illinois each spring. This species lives in marshes, swamps, ditches, cultivated land or hayfields. It feeds on insects and seeds.
The American robin is a common sight from March until October, but some may overwinter in Illinois. Nesting takes place from April to July with two or three broods raised per year.
The eastern bluebird is a rural species in Illinois now although at one time it was common everywhere. It may be found in pastures, open woodlands, orchards, and along roads. The breeding season lasts from mid-April through August.
Rice Bird
ICTERUS AGRIPENNIS, or Benaj.
Red Maple. Inc. rubrum.
The rice bird, or bobolink, is a common migrant that lives in alfalfa fields, clover fields, hay fields and pastures, as well as fence rows. Its bubbling song is produced while flying. The bobolink begins arriving in Illinois in late April each year. The breeding season occurs from late May through July.
The great blue heron lives in marshes, ponds, lakes, flooded fields, swamps, and along the shorelines of rivers. This bird consumes mostly fishes, insects, and crayfish. It has a low call of “frawnk, frawnk, frawnk.” Spring migrants begin appearing in Illinois in February. These birds nest from March through May.
Ruby-throated Humming Birds

*Trochilus columbrius*

Plant: *Dypteryx nudicaulis*

Vulgo: Trumpet Flower.
Ruby-throated Humming Bird | Plate 47

The ruby-throated hummingbird is a common migrant that begins arriving in Illinois in mid-April. Nesting takes place from May through July. The nest is made of plant materials and attached to the limb with spider silk. It is lined with plant materials and covered on the outside with lichens.
Yellow Bird or American Goldfinch

CARDUELIS AMERICANA.

American Goldfinch | Plate 33

The American goldfinch may be found in forests, forest edges, fields, shrubby areas, pastures, and suburban areas. Migrating birds begin arriving in the state in mid-April. Nesting occurs from June through August. This bird has an undulating flight and may make call notes at each dip as it flies along.
### Rose-breasted Grosbeak | Plate 127

The rose-breasted grosbeak begins arriving in Illinois in April. Nesting takes place from May through July. Three or four green eggs with brown marks are deposited by the female. The birds sing while incubating. One brood per year is raised. The rose-breasted grosbeak lives in deciduous woodlands, thickets, residential areas, orchards, and parks.

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The sharp-shinned hawk begins arriving in Illinois in March. Most nest in northern coniferous areas but records do exist for Illinois nests. The nest is placed 20 to 60 feet above the ground in a conifer or deciduous tree. The sharp-shinned hawk lives in woodlands and thickets. It makes a shrill “kik, kik, kik” noise. This bird eats other birds and small mammals.
The hooping crane, known as the sandhill crane, lives in prairies, fields (especially in corn fields), the edges of swampy areas, lakes, and marshes. Spring migration begins in late February. The sandhill crane winters in the southern United States. Cranes fly with the neck and legs extended. When migrating, they fly in flocks. The sandhill crane eats plant and animal materials. Its call is “garoo-a-a-a.”
The snowy owl is an Arctic owl that occasionally winters in Illinois, mainly in the northern one-half of the state. When present, it may be seen in prairies, fields, marshes, lake edges, airports, golf courses, and cities where it is active during the day. Spring migrants leave Illinois in March. Fall migration into Illinois seems to be somewhat dependent on prey population sizes in more northern areas.
MISSION

The University Library is central to the intellectual life of the university. By providing and stewarding collections and content that comprise a 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 striving to ensure 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 and committed to student success. 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.
During the 2019–2020 fiscal year, the Library received more than $6.8 million in total 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 in the form of gifts and pledges to current use and endowment funds, grants, and planned giving.

The market value of the Library’s total endowment as of June 30, 2020, was $59 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.

**Fiscal Year 2020**

(7/1/19–6/30/20)

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† Includes outright gifts, pledges, recurring payments, and matching gifts
‡ Includes planned gift commitments, such as bequests and wills

**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, 2019 to June 30, 2020**

**JAMES W. AND BETH L. ARMSEY LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND**
To support the University Library

**JAMES W. AND BETH L. ARMSEY FUND FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE LIBRARY AND THE KRANNERT ART MUSEUM**
To support the University Library and the Krannert Art Museum

**SUSAN M. BONZI ENDOWMENT FUND**
To provide unrestricted support for the Rare Book & Manuscript Library

**THE IAN FLEMING FOUNDATION COLLECTION FUND**
To support and maintain the Ian Fleming Foundation Collection

**JOHN E. SWEET MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT FUND**
To support the Ricker Library of Architecture and Art and the School of Architecture

**JOHN E. AND REBECCA S. WETZEL LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND**
To enhance and preserve the Mathematics Library’s collections and the Library’s collections for scholarly endeavors

**BARBARA F. AND GEORGE J. WILLIAMS LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND**
To support the University Library

For a complete list of endowment funds, please visit [www.library.illinois.edu/friends](http://www.library.illinois.edu/friends).

**Who is giving to the University Library?**

- Alumni (79%)
- Friends (13%)
- Faculty/Staff (4%)
- Corporations/Organizations (3%)
- Current Students and Foundations (1%)

*Percentage of donors by group
MEMORIAL GIFTS

From July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, the University Library received gifts in memory of the following individuals:

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From July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, the University Library received tribute gifts in honor of the following individuals:

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Barn Swallow | Plate 173
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AUDUBON’S BIRDS OF AMERICA

From 1827–1838, John James Audubon published approximately 200 sets of the double elephant folio Birds of America. Each set contains 435 illustrative plates produced from copperplate engraving and then colored by hand, and originally sold for $1,000. Bound into four-volume sets standing well over three feet tall, each volume weighs approximately fifty-six pounds. Of the approximately 200 sets originally printed, 134 remain intact, one of which is housed in our Rare Book and Manuscript Library (library.illinois.edu/rbx).

In June 1987, the Library Friends purchased two copies of the limited edition 1985 Abbeville Press facsimile of the double elephant folio. Each of the 435 plates required ten to eighteen colors and as many as four attempts before perfection was achieved. One facsimile set was broken up and auctioned off to raise money to restore our original set, while the other facsimile is on display by the Literatures and Languages Library. Each week the plates on display are changed in order to show as much of the collection as possible.

You can find more information online about each magnificent bird in this calendar (and more!) by visiting the Audubon website at www.audubon.org/birds-of-america.