

2022-2023

**Ira A. and Mary Lou Fulton Library
Annual Report & Strategic Plan**





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The Fulton Library provides user-centered services, various learning spaces, and essential resources that support the university's mission of educating students for success in work and life.



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

As we commemorate the 15th anniversary of our beautiful library building, I am filled with immense gratitude. This milestone not only allows me to reflect on the progress we have made since 2008, but also reminds me of the significance of embracing the future and adapting to the ever-changing needs of our exceptional students.

Amid the many achievements of the Fulton Library this year, the remodeled first floor stands out. With the goal of creating a more inviting space for our students to work and study, we took great care in listening to their feedback and incorporating their wonderful suggestions. The outcome is a vibrant and welcoming area that inspires collaboration, nurtures creativity, and supports academic excellence. It is truly an example of our commitment to providing exceptional care for our students.

In our unwavering dedication to support all students, we recognized the diverse needs of our student parents by relocating and remodeling the Gibson Family Foundation Study Suite. This transformed space now includes essential features, such as a dedicated bathroom, a peaceful mother's room, four individual study rooms, and play areas for children. The study suite's warm environment empowers student parents to achieve their academic aspirations while balancing their responsibilities at home.

As we listened to our students' input, we also responded to their requests for more individual study spaces. We were thrilled to add 37 individual study pods, which offer our students cozy and private areas for focused and uninterrupted study. The overwhelming popularity of these study pods strengthened our mission to support academic success and ensure each student thrives.

Undoubtedly, the highlight of this year was the celebration of our library building's 15th anniversary. In April, we were honored to welcome many donors who played an instrumental role in the establishment and growth of our remarkable university. During this occasion, we had the privilege of showcasing the Fulton Library's extraordinary work and contributions to the success of Utah Valley University.

As we move forward, we remain committed to serving our students and faculty with dedication and innovation. We are deeply grateful for your ongoing support and look forward to another year of achievements, collaboration, and growth.

Thank you for being part of this remarkable journey.

Sincerely,

Lesli Baker

Lesli Baker
Fulton Library Director



BEYOND BRICKS & MORTAR A Fulton Library Timeline

As we mark the 15th anniversary of the Fulton Library's building, we commemorate a legacy that goes beyond bricks and mortar: it is a celebration of more than eight decades of Fulton Library's progress and growth, which has paralleled and reflected the trajectory of Utah Valley University.

What began as a vocational school library with a collection of 50 books evolved into a dynamic center of research and learning. Today, Fulton Library serves as a singular UVU resource that removes educational barriers, improves information literacy, and promotes lifelong learning.



1941

1941: Central Utah Vocational School

- CUVS library founded on the original Fairgrounds Campus.
- CUVS moved to a new campus, where the library shared a 10- by 20-foot area of the bookstore.
- Collection: 50 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 566* students

1993: Utah Valley State College

- LRC renamed to Losee Learning Resource Center.
- UVCC library included 12 study rooms and study space for 600 students.
- Collection: 75,700 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 10,510 students



1993

1987: Utah Valley Community College

- UVCC administration and library staff shared office space in the LRC.
- Collection: 37,506 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 6,100 students



2008

2008: Utah Valley University

- New UVU library building dedicated on main campus.
- Collection: 217,003 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 26,696 students

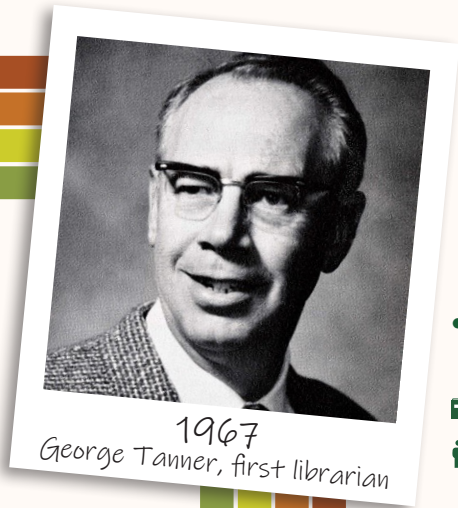


2016



1963: Utah Trade Technical Institute

- UTTI library relocated to the institute's new Multipurpose Wing.
- One full-time staff member ran the library.
- Collection: 4,874 volumes**
- 👤 Enrollment: 1,331 students



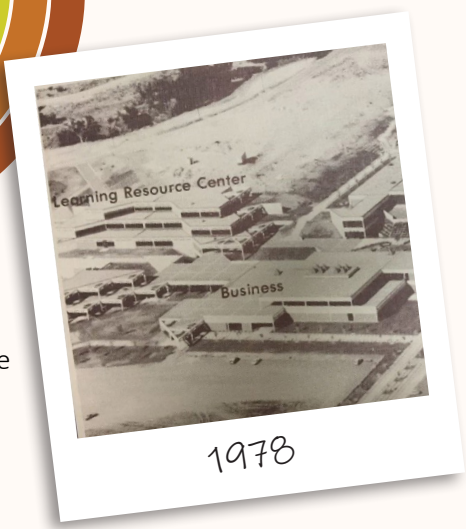
1967: Utah Technical College at Provo

- UTC library hired its first certified librarian in 1969.
- Collection: 9,698 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 1,954 students



1978

- UTC library moved to the new Orem Learning Resource Center (LRC).
- Collection: 15,000 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 3,793 students



2016

- UVU's 75th Anniversary
- Fulton Library renamed in honor of philanthropists Ira A. and Mary Lou Fulton.
- *Roots of Knowledge* opened to the public.
- Collection: 187,364 volumes
- 👤 Enrollment: 34,978 students

2023

- 15th anniversary of the Fulton Library's building.
- Collection: 197,909 volumes
Total collection: 514,102
- 👤 Enrollment: 44,653 students

*1945 Enrollment **Mean estimate; 1963 collection data not available.

Fulton Library Celebrates Milestone Anniversary

In April 2023, Fulton Library commemorated the 15th anniversary of its building, a space designed to aid information access and academic excellence. Dedicated in 2008 when UVU received university status and renamed in 2016 in honor of philanthropists Ira A. and Mary Lou Fulton, the Fulton Library's building became a gathering place for students of all backgrounds and career aspirations to learn and succeed.

Fulton Library marked this milestone by hosting a progressive dinner with UVU executives, library leadership, and generous donors. This evening celebrated the remarkable evolution of UVU and Fulton Library, highlighting the noteworthy services, spaces, and resources of the library.

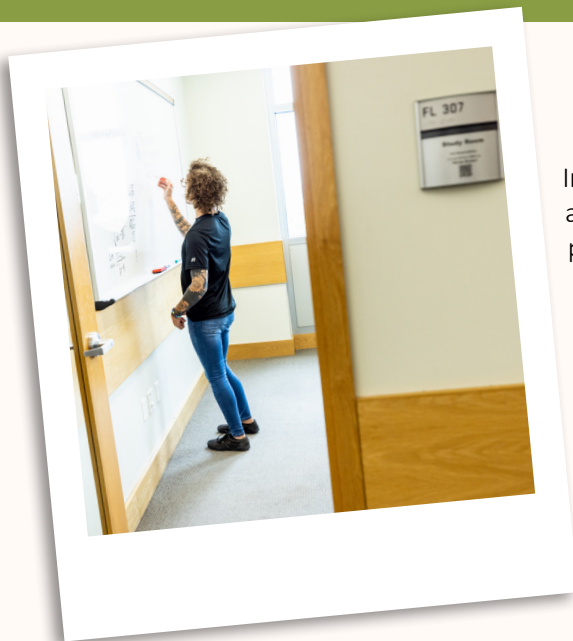
First-Floor Renovations Take Center Stage

To advance our mission of providing exceptional learning spaces, Fulton Library unveiled a remodel of the first-floor Information Commons in fall 2022. Comfortable furniture, new carpet, and open seating replaced booths and bookshelves, significantly expanding space for students to collaborate, study, and socialize on the first floor. Altogether, the Information Commons remodel creates a welcoming environment that cultivates creativity, encourages collaboration, and reflects Fulton Library's drive to nurture student success.

New Study Suite Champions Student-Parent Resources

The Gibson Family Foundation Study Suite opened its doors to students with children this spring, ushering in a new campaign of student-parent services. With study rooms, play areas, a mother's room, and more, the newly remodeled suite meets the unique needs of student parents, enabling them to excel at UVU while balancing learning and family life.

In January 2023, Fulton Library held an open house to celebrate the new family study suite, with a special visit from Willy the Wolverine and guided tours from library leadership. This remodel—made possible through donations from the Gibson Family Foundation—significantly expands UVU's student-parent resources, reinforcing Fulton Library's commitment of providing exceptional care to students of every background.



Study Pods & Study Room Upgrades Promote Success

In response to student requests for additional solo study areas, Fulton Library added 37 individual, semi-private study pods and installed audiovisual upgrades to study rooms. Students enthusiastically embraced the study upgrades, booking study rooms and occupying study pods up to full capacity. Together, these improvements not only enrich the academic experience but also strengthen the library's role as a dynamic center of learning and research within the UVU community.



BY THE NUMBERS



460,579
visitors to the library

16.65 visits per
full-time student



996
workshops &
classes



217
student research
appointments



6,548
Research Help Desk
consultations

873.42 homepage
visits per day

318,801
visitors to the homepage



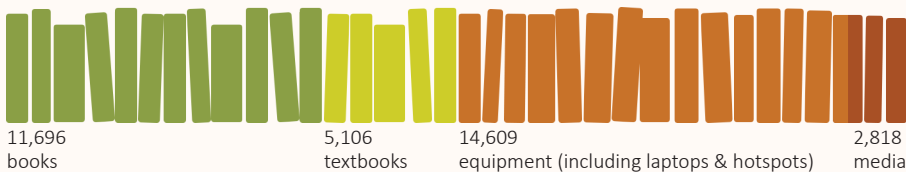
2,087
online chat
consultations



118,352
research guide
views



65
new streaming
databases



34,249
total checkouts

one book
represents
1000 items

2,087
items lent out
to other libraries

3,453
items borrowed
from other libraries

3,299
print books added
to the collection

1,300
donations
accepted



877,479
accounts
reached



311,379
account
views



16,654
accounts
reached

1,200% increase

181% increase

28.7% increase

ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

Fulton Library Advances Mission of Providing User-Centered Services,
Various Learning Spaces, and Essential Resources

Services

- Implemented a new text notification system and removed or minimized the fines of more than 400 patrons through our appeals process.
- Created the new Scholarly Services library department to support faculty teaching and research.
- Increased equipment circulation by 27.76% and reintroduced hotspot checkout in spring 2023.
- Developed new elementary school curriculum for *Roots of Knowledge* field trips.
- Merged the Archives and Digitization departments to streamline archival services.
- Redesigned the Fulton Library website to increase accessibility and user experience.

Spaces

- Unveiled the new Gibson Family Foundation Study Suite, which offers student parents a dedicated family-friendly study space.
- Remodeled the first-floor open study area and updated furniture to increase space for individual and group study.
- Added 37 study pods on the first and third floors to facilitate individual, private study.
- Replaced carpets in the public areas of all five floors of the library.
- Installed presentation screens and audio-visual equipment in 26 library study rooms.
- Shifted materials on the 4th and 5th floors to accommodate collection growth.

Resources

- Purchased a \$20,000 diversity, equity, and inclusion e-book package and allocated \$10,000 to purchase disability studies, Indigenous studies, and women in business materials.
- Acquired seven new databases and six new database collections.
- Added more than 3,200 books and media, contributing to collection growth and increasing academic resources.
- Weeded over 6,000 obsolete items from the collection and accepted more than 1,300 donations.
- Conducted a review of the 10 most used library databases for accessibility compliance.
- Archived 15 Speaker Series lectures, 18 student theses, 20 finding aids, and 143 accessories in the Sutherland Archives collection.



Library Events Boost Diversity Outreach

Fulton Library held 12 events this year, including collaborations with UVU's Multicultural Student Services, African Diaspora, Women's Success Center, and LGBTQIA+ Student Services. With a focus on diversity outreach, Fulton Library welcomed students from across campus and diverse backgrounds, inviting them to connect, learn, and come as they are. These events connected students with a wealth of UVU services, solidifying Fulton Library as a place of community gathering and collective belonging.

Sutherland Archives Preserve UVU History

Fulton Library's George Sutherland Archives welcomed the public to explore two exhibits: *History of Fulton Library* and *Piping-Hot History: 45 Years of Geothermal Heating & Cooling at UVU*. With a focus on archiving photos, memorabilia, and oral histories, the Sutherland Archives builds collections of student scholarship, faculty publications, Utah Deaf history, and the secular history of UVU, Utah, and local cities. With these exhibits, the archives celebrated UVU's singular history, highlighting the Fulton Library's 15th anniversary and the university's advancements in geothermal heating.

Roots of Knowledge Hosts Annual Speaker Series

Fulton Library's *Roots of Knowledge* is dedicated to inspiring scholarship, cultivating passion, and igniting curiosity. As part of that mission, *Roots of Knowledge* invited 15 scholars from across campus to speak at the annual Speaker Series. Featuring lectures that explore human developments and concepts shown in the stained-glass panels, the Speaker Series fostered intellectual growth and cultivated an interconnected community.



15
speaker series
lectures



679
speaker series
attendees



74,334
total visitors

Education Program Engages K–6 Students

This year, Fulton Library invited Utah's K–6 community to participate in a new *Roots of Knowledge* school program: Finding Home. The program leverages the educational potential of *Roots of Knowledge* and encourages students to consider the meaning of home via the content in the stained-glass windows. Consisting of an interactive gallery tour and art-making activity, Finding Home incorporates Utah Core Standards while nurturing creativity, problem solving, and collaboration.



25
elementary
school field trips



2,021
K-6 students



100%
of teachers
would return

New Scholarly Services Department Amplifies Faculty Research

Fulton Library launched our new Scholarly Services department in May 2023, which accelerates our initiative to support UVU faculty in their research and publishing pursuits. Faculty can now receive personalized publishing and research help—such as assistance with copyright, impact factors, citation management, and more—from our scholarly services librarian.

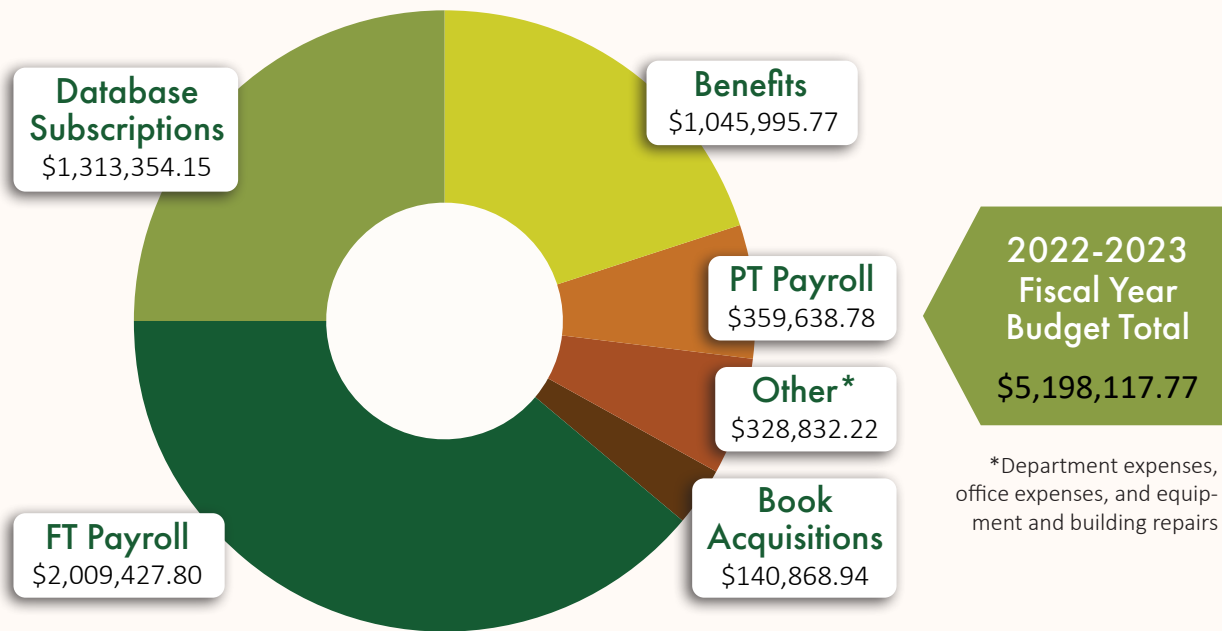


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Collaborate

FISCAL BUDGET & NEW EMPLOYEES



STRATEGIC PLAN

Fulton Library Values Drive Vision

As we look to the future, Fulton Library aligns our values with UVU's core themes of exceptional care, exceptional accountability, and exceptional results.

Exceptional Care

- Supporting all students at any level, background, or experience to achieve academic success
- Recognizing needs and adapting services
- Respecting diversity, inclusion, and equity for each student
- Recognizing the contributions of all library staff in the success of our mission
- Providing learning spaces for students to achieve academic success
- Supporting academic success through individual help and high levels of customer service
- Providing resources to support diverse thought and various learning styles

Exceptional Accountability

- Being fiscally responsible stewards to meet demands of a growing campus
- Reallocating funding and positions to meet changing needs

Exceptional Results

- Preparing students for lifelong learning
- Utilizing assessment data to determine success
- Collaborating with faculty to build quality collections and to support curriculum

Strategic Plan Objectives Shape Growth

Services

Fulton Library will provide user-center services that support academic success by engaging with students during the research process and providing appropriate staffing levels that facilitate information access and improve information literacy.

Spaces

Fulton Library will provide various learning spaces for group and individual study with technology to enhance education.

Resources

Fulton Library will provide essential resources to support all university curriculum while minimizing access barriers.

Connection to Vision 2030

Fulton Library's strategic plan objectives closely align with Utah Valley University's Vision 2030 plan. The service objective primarily supports UVU's initiative of completion through comprehensively designed curriculum and services. Through our space objective, we assess and remove barriers at every stage of the student life cycle, providing a welcoming environment and technology to enhance student learning. Similarly, the resource objective of supporting curriculum, promoting student success, and removing access barriers aligns with multiple Vision 2023 initiatives. At all levels of Fulton Library planning, we seek to uplift, enhance, and promote Utah Valley University's vision of development and student success.





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