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MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

As we enter 2023, I am honored to reflect upon the many accomplishments The University of Alabama Libraries made in 2022. Through a commitment to assessment, planning, and continuous improvement, we strive to meet the emerging needs of our campus stakeholders. To that end, in 2022 we embarked upon our next 4-year strategic planning cycle which will drive our decision-making and organizational development. This new plan continues to prioritize the renovations of our facilities which are essential for creating innovative learning and research environments for students and faculty.

In 2022, we completed the first phase of core infrastructure improvements in Gorgas Library that set the stage for the next phases of our comprehensive renovations to the main library. Most notably, I am also happy to announce our completion of major renovations to our new, state-of-the-art Angelo Bruno Business Library, updating all aspects of the facility in part through the continuing generous and much appreciated support of the Bruno family.

This year, I want to extend our special thanks to Joan and Wray Pearce who made a major financial commitment to the University Libraries building master plan during the Capital Campaign, which will support next generation technology and teaching, serving students and faculty in preparing for the competitive challenges of the 21st century workforce. The Rising Tide truly lifts all boats, and we are thankful for our donors who support our ability to provide the very best resources and services for all students and faculty at the Capstone. We take pride in our stewardship of our donors’ generosity, and as you read our annual report, I believe our record of accomplishments demonstrates a sustained and high return on investment.

In 2022, we added or upgraded nearly 80 different collections for STEM areas, the social sciences, and the humanities, ensuring our students and faculty have the resources they need to support their cutting-edge research. In 2022 these resources were searched 6,000,000 times with 2.5 million downloads of full text articles. We also provided a record amount of digital primary resource materials for historical research and acquired notable physical rare books, manuscripts, and photographs. Moreover, we continued to invest in the purchase of books that are now being used at record levels by our students at a rate of 350,000 times this year alone.

Building upon our efforts to increase the impact of UA scholarship, we added thousands of theses, dissertations, and research articles to our Institutional Repository which are available via open access. Faculty librarians taught over 900 instruction sessions, serving half of the student body in every discipline and both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Additionally, we expanded our Research Data Services Workshops where faculty and students receive training in a variety of research methods, using advanced statistical software and tools, as well as computer coding essentials. We also produced over 100 high-quality digital teaching resources in 2022 that support faculty curricula and promote student success.

We made significant contributions as a development partner in the international FOLIO Library Services Platform project with Birmingham-based information industry leader EBSCO Industries. We entirely rewrote the code and redesigned the calendar module that governs all core functions of the system, and every institution that adopts FOLIO will benefit from the cost-saving investments.

The University of Alabama Libraries has made this open source library services platform equally accessible. We received a large grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to continue to process and digitize historical newspapers from the State of Alabama, which are freely available to the world through the University Libraries and Library of Congress websites, and we also received a large National Science Foundation grant to support STEM education.

In our commitment to promoting outreach to the University community and the State of Alabama, University Libraries and The Alabama Center for the Book, along with The Alabama Writers’ Forum, are planning for the Alabama Writers’ Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner to be held on Friday, March 10th, 2023. Eight distinguished authors will be inducted, including Tom Franklin, Trudier Harris, Angela Johnson, Howell Raines, Michelle Richmond, and Daniel Wallace, Eugene Walter, and Kathryn Tucker Windham. We hope you will join us for this spectacular event.

We were proud to host our campus partners for over 200 events in 2022. Of note, we sponsored a reading with Dr. Arthur Dunning, UA alumnus, and President Emeritus of Albany State University, in Gorgas Library for a discussion of his ground-breaking book, Unreconciled. Along with the Alabama Center for the Book, we were equally proud to host the Poet Laureate of the State of Alabama, Ashley M. Jones, for the event, Past is Present: A Conversation in Poetry.

As we close out 2022, many thanks go out to University Libraries faculty and staff for their exceptional work, to University of Alabama students and faculty for their dedicated commitment to library research, to the University Libraries Leadership Board for their inspiring support, and to our donors and our colleagues throughout the United States who help make us great. As you look through the pages of this year’s Annual Report, I hope you will see the many significant achievements of our talented faculty and staff who have made it possible for UA students and faculty to benefit from your support. We are proud of our accomplishments at The University of Alabama Libraries, and, with your generosity in 2023, the Tide will continue to rise!

Dean Donald L. Gilstrap
Members of The University of Alabama family visited our physical and virtual spaces approximately 10 million times in 2022.

- **225** Countries Accessing our Site
- **2,539,611** E-Books
- **98,625** E-Journals
- **16,924** Total Interlibrary Loans
- **51,488** Total Circulation
- **1,916,331** Users
- **2,981,750** Sessions
- **219,917** Total Streaming Audio/Visual Titles
- **6,082,523** Total Volumes
- **5,019,867** Website Views
- **1172** Linear Feet of Archival Collections Processed or Remediated
- **25,909** Archival Items Digitized
- **268,781** Hours of Computer Usage
- **191,525** Computer Logins
- **2,518,134** Database Full-text Downloads
- **5,943,279** Database Searches
- **348,038** E-Book Downloads
- **687** Total Number of Databases
- **154** Software Packages
- **6,082,523** Total Volumes
The primary function of a special collections library is to promote scholarship by providing researchers access to items of enduring historical value while ensuring their longevity through physical and digital preservation.

Our collections document exploration and settlement of the area that became Alabama, the cultural, political, social, and economic history of Alabama and the South, the Civil War and Reconstruction, slavery and its abolition, and African American history, including the Civil Rights Movement. This past year we continued to enhance a recently established collection of Latin American cultural and political history, particularly of Mexico and Brazil. We bring together such rare and unique materials as books and pamphlets, papers, letters, diaries, maps, photographs, prints, music, broadsides, and artifacts.

**FY 2022 PROJECTS**

- Completed second year of the second two-year grant (2020-2022) from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) National Digital Newspaper Program (NDNP) to digitize 101,145 pages of Alabama’s historic newspapers on microfilm.
- Transferred shipments of lower use items to the University’s state-of-the-art Archival Facility, totaling 3,635 boxes of University Archives records and manuscript and photographic collections.
- Digitized 4,351 items totaling 25,909 images in FY22, including the Jo and Judith Tartt Papers, the largest collection to date in Special Collections of photographs of African Americans in Alabama.
- Processed 1,172 linear feet of manuscript and photographic collections now available to researchers. Collections include the Muscle Shoals, Alabama, in 1918-1919 Photographic Album (Alabama), the De Benneville Randolph Keim Papers (Latin America), the A. Mercer Daniel Photographic Album (African Americana), and the Mary Yost Photographic Album (U.S. women’s history).

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

**CARTOGRAPHIC ITEMS**

- Vincenzo Coronelli, America Settentrionale Colle Nuove Scoperte Sin All Anno, Venice, 1688.
- Vincenzo Coronelli, America Meridionale …, Venice, c. 1690.
- Pierre Moullart-Sanson, America Septentrionale …, Paris, 1705.

**MANUSCRIPTS**

- Minutes book and membership list, United Machinists and Mechanical Engineers of America, Birmingham, Alabama, 1888-1903, an Alabama labor union begun in secret.
- Malcom Ross letter to Richard Oswald, British East Florida, July 1773. Letter from an indentured carpenter seeking to buy the freedom of the son he fathered with an enslaved black woman.
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS – Notable Additions

- Decree granting private authority to Veta Vizcaina mine owners, Pachuca, Mexico, 1774-1776. Mine owners had authority to conscript native laborers, run their own courts, collect taxes, and conduct their own census.
- Prison bill of fare broadside by a Union prisoner of war, Libby Prison, Richmond, Va., Nov. 8, 1861. Composed, written and spoken at the exhibition of the “Prisoners of War Dramatic Association.”

GRAPHIC MATERIALS

- Sally Jenkins photo, Jo and Judith Tartt Papers, Livingston, Ala., 1970-1980. Sally worked for Jo Tartt’s family and the friendship that developed over 5 decades prompted him to photograph her often.
- Mary Yost, Photo of her informal motorcycle club, Va., Sept. 1941. From her album featuring mainly female motorcycle enthusiasts, southeastern U.S., 1940-1942.

PUBLISHED MATERIALS

- Arte nova e curiosa para conserveiros, confeiteiros, e copeiros, e mais pessoas que se occupaõ em fazer doçes …, Lisbon: José de Aquino Bulhôens, 1788. [A new and curious art for canners, confectioners, and cup-bearers, and more people who are busy making sweets …] Earliest Portuguese cookbook showing impact of sugar from Brazil on the Portuguese diet.
As academic research continues to evolve in exciting new directions, so too does the service profile of University Libraries. In 2022, UA librarians taught 929 research workshops live, in-person and online, and asynchronously via independent digital learning modules, to more than 18,000 students. This includes assisting students with 3D printing and high-end audio, video, and print production, and an emphasis on Research Data Services.

The University Libraries Research Data Services program is focused on providing support for technology-infused, data-intensive research workflows and tools. This service has grown since its inception in 2016, from a handful of workshops to a robust program delivering research assistance and instructional support for students and faculty alike. Building upon University Libraries highly successful information literacy instructional program, Research Data Services adds training and support for data literacy and a host of software tools.

Over the past year, librarians have taught 62 Research Data Services workshops that were attended by nearly 700 students and faculty members. Through these sessions, attendees were introduced to workflows for programmatically harvesting data from various sources, like scholarly APIs. Users also received training in how to clean, transform, analyze, and visualize data using tools like SPSS, MatLab, NVivo, R, and Python.

In collaboration with the UA Office of Research & Economic Development, University Libraries provides direct support to UA faculty throughout the research lifecycle. From developing a data management plan for federal grant proposals, to expanding the reach and impact of scholarship through open access publishing and archival data storage within the Institutional Repository, University Libraries remains an integral partner in research endeavors at the Capstone.
INSTITUTIONAL REPOSITORY IN 2022

With over 8,800 unique items, the role of the Institutional Repository is to acquire, digitally preserve, curate, and make accessible scholarly output produced at The University of Alabama. We work directly with departments on campus to curate and archive Capstone projects for various degree programs including the Doctor of Social Work and the Doctor of Nursing Practice. Through the continued development of our Institutional Repository, we are increasing the amount of content made freely available while providing an option for our authors and researchers to increase the impact of their scholarship.

Content that we curate includes research articles, e-books, data sets, and emerging digital scholarship. Additionally, the Institutional Repository continues to make available all theses and dissertations produced at the University. The Institutional Repository has over 1,000,000 visits per year, and we have provided 2.2 million downloads to scholars and students worldwide. We plan to increase curation activity by actively adding open access articles published by university-affiliated authors and exploring ways to rebrand and market our service to the University of Alabama community.

In 2022, we welcomed the arrival of our new Scholarly Communications Librarian, Elaine Walker. In October, Elaine hosted a two-day Open Access Week conference, with sessions about copyright and fair use, open educational resources, predatory publishers, and how faculty and students can contribute to open scholarship through the Institutional Repository.

RESOURCE ACQUISITION & DISCOVERY IN 2022

University Libraries takes great pride in our stewardship. We support student and faculty success in various ways that produce a sustained and high return on investment. Nowhere is our return on investment more evident than in the licensing agreements University Libraries was able to secure in 2022, ensuring our students and faculty access to content supporting their cutting-edge research. The work of our Resource Acquisition & Discovery team helps drive the research engine of the University, but happens behind the scenes. In 2022, we added or upgraded nearly 80 different collections, providing access to a record amount of primary resources. In partnership with Auburn University, our professionals also took the lead in cooperative negotiations on behalf of the entire University of Alabama System. These efforts secured hundreds of thousands of resources for all participating academic libraries in the State of Alabama.

The work of Resource Acquisition & Discovery also resulted in upgrading and expanding content and access in resources like the new SciFinder-n, a product of Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS), the gold standard for identifying chemical substances, related chemical structures, chemical names, regulatory information and properties. We negotiated access to Gale Digital Scholar Lab, an online tool for creating, analyzing, and visualizing data sets from Gale’s primary source collections, which supports growing research interest in the Digital Humanities as well as research based in text and data analysis.

University Libraries also expanded our participation in MIT’s Direct to Open (D2O) program, through our partnership with The Center for Research Libraries (CRL), to include the full list of 2022 scholarly monographs and edited collections from MIT Press. As such, University Libraries gained access to an archive of approximately 2,500 select titles that were previously restricted by paywalls, for UA stakeholders. UA scholars are also now able to publish in MIT Open Access journals free of charge as a result of our efforts, a cost-saving benefit that makes UA scholarship accessible worldwide. Notably, we also procured up-to-the-minute access to the Tuscaloosa News, which will be invaluable to our stakeholders.

Finally, we acquired several new collections that enhance and complement our current holdings with Readex, Gale, Sage, and Springer/Nature. These new collections make 52,000 eBooks, and over 40,000 additional primary source materials available to University researchers which illuminate Southern History and the history of the State of Alabama, African American History and Culture, the Jim Crow era south, the American Civil War and Reconstruction, Early American Children’s Books, Early American Science and Technology, the Indigenous Peoples of North America, and much more. These new and expanded collections continue our commitment to promote diversity through our resources, services, and collections.
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AND THE RISING TIDE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

THE RISING TIDE
A CAMPAIGN FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Like single drops of water, we are each limited in what we can accomplish on our own. But as individual drops coalesce, we become a force strong enough to transform the landscape of the world around us.

Alumni, students, faculty, staff, patrons, and supporters have embarked on a watershed opportunity that will transcend anything the University has previously experienced. With a goal of $1.5 billion, we will set the standard for transformative education, as we pursue the most ambitious fundraising goal in the history of the state of Alabama.

Philanthropic giving is a key driver of excellence in the UA experience. Gifts allow the University to expand opportunities for students through scholarships, fellowships and programs for leadership development, as well as to advance our research efforts and bolster our already competitive facilities and athletic programs.

For decades, The University of Alabama has attracted the best and brightest students from around the globe. UA is consistently a top choice for many of our nation’s most academically distinguished students. They make their way to the Capstone to experience an unmatched campus environment, to engage with world-renowned faculty, and to prepare for careers of service and leadership.

This is why elite companies and organizations look to our flagship university each year to recruit the next wave of business developers, scientists, teachers, engineers, and future leaders of every facet of modern society. The impact of The Rising Tide Capital Campaign will allow The University of Alabama to further elevate its students as future legends, to dominate the fields of research and athletics, to lift its alumni to new heights, and to develop the potential within us to serve, support, and lead communities near and far.

The well-known saying, “a rising tide lifts all boats,” is personified in spirit and truth by University Libraries, as the resources and services we provide support the success of all students and faculty of The University of Alabama. Advancements in the quality of University Libraries facilities, technologies, collections, services, and programs have played a major role in the recruitment and retention of UA students and faculty. Our investments have paid other impactful dividends for the University as well.

An unprecedented 60 UA students have been named Goldwater Scholars. The University of Alabama has produced a total of 16 Rhodes Scholars, 16 Truman Scholars, 38 Hollings Scholars, and 16 Boren Scholars through 2022. The University of Alabama is a leader among public universities nationwide in the enrollment of National Merit Scholars, with more than 900 currently enrolled. There are currently 35 faculty who have received NSF Career awards, the nation’s most prestigious recognition of top performing young scientists.

The Rising Tide represents a gathering wave of students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters whose collective influence is greater than what any of us can accomplish individually. Together, we are a force strong enough to transform the landscape of the world around us. A gift to University Libraries is one that lifts all who teach and attend The University of Alabama. Together, we will exceed the University Libraries goal of The Rising Tide Capital Campaign. Throughout this journey, we will enhance our previous investments, grow the intellectual heart and physical center of the campus, and lift all boats on The Rising Tide.

For our Capital Campaign Prospectus please visit https://risingtide.ua.edu/libraries/ or scan this QR code.
THE RISING TIDE
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

View of the Quad, the Rotunda, and campus, 1859

Historical Print,
The University of Alabama, 1900

Gorgas Library, 1939

Gorgas Library, 1950

University Libraries

Gorgas Library, 2021

Bear Bryant in victory, 1978, Tradition Inspires!

Where will the Rising Tide take us tomorrow?

Join the Future of University Libraries on

THE RISING TIDE.
University Libraries is proud to announce another major gift towards the Rising Tide Capital Campaign from long serving members of the University Libraries Leadership Board, Joan and Wray Pearce, who have pledged a one-million-dollar gift in 2022. This is in addition to the million-dollar gift they made almost 15 years ago.

Their most recent gift is given in the name of Henry Dean Wray, Wray's grandfather and namesake. Henry was a builder and general contractor and owned a hardware store that he started on his own. When Henry's brother died, he did as many men of his generation were called upon to do, and he moved from Georgia to Birmingham to marry his brother's widow and assume parentage of their children as well. Together they had a child, Rachel Wray, who was Wray Pearce's mother.

When Wray Pearce was discharged from the Marine Corps, he decided to attend The University of Alabama. As a recent veteran and poor college student he looked to his grandfather, Henry Wray, who was known colloquially in the family as “Daddy Wray,” for help with his first semester’s tuition plus room and board at Alabama. This was the only such assistance that Wray received while attending the University. Wray and Joan are proud to pledge this gift in Daddy Wray's name.

The Pearce's gift will create the Henry Dean Wray Digital Scholarship Fund. It is a fitting tribute to an individual who built things and shored up the foundation of his family, while also supporting their educational pursuits, as the technology and teaching that the Digital Scholarship Fund will support will help prepare students for the competitive challenges of the 21st century technology landscape.

We are thankful for the Pearce family's continuing generosity and for this new and substantial gift, which will serve the needs of students and faculty of the University of Alabama in perpetuity. Dr. Donald Gilstrap, Dean of University Libraries, recently expressed his gratitude in addressing the University Libraries Leadership Board, “I want to extend our special thanks to Joan and Wray Pearce for their generous support. They have been consistent models of philanthropy in their support of the University of Alabama, and especially University Libraries, having served on the University Libraries Leadership Board for over twenty years. Henry Dean Wray was a pillar of his community and family, and the Pearce family gift in his name will support students with next generation technology and teaching for years to come.”
ENDOWMENTS AND GIFTS 2022

The creation of endowments, major gifts, and individual monetary donations supports the advancement of The University of Alabama Libraries. During this past year, donations and funds from endowments were used to purchase new books and media for our collections, improve library spaces, and assist in staffing.

We would especially like to recognize and thank those who provided major gifts, those who preserve the legacy of The University of Alabama through their establishment of endowments, and those who have contributed at the individual level.

Your gifts afford us the tools and opportunities to advance the educational and research mission of the University while supporting our faculty and students to achieve their greatest potential, create change, and positively influence the world.

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Annual income from endowments allows the University Libraries to continue providing key resources for students and faculty. Endowments begin at $25,000. Donors may make a single gift or pledge over a number of years.

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- Glynn B. and John P. Case Endowed Support Fund - Angelo Bruno Business Library
- Jim McHugh Endowed Library Excellence Fund - Early Childhood Special Education
- D. Joseph and Sandra W. McInnes Endowed Undergraduate Initiative Library Excellence Fund - Blount Undergraduate Initiative
- James and Elaine Moore Endowed Collections Support Fund - Angelo Bruno Business Library
- Bertha Ray Trammell Endowed Library Fund - Human Environmental Sciences
- Greek Endowed Library Support Fund - American Biographies

Collections – Business

- Margaret and Walter Batson Endowed Support Fund
- The J. Clemson Duckworth Endowed International Business Serials Fund
- The J. Barry Mason Endowed Support Fund for Business Library Research and Learning
- James and Elaine Moore Endowed Collections Support Fund
- The Bennett A. Smothers Endowed C&BA Library Fund

Special Collections

- Jeff Coleman Endowed Library Book Support Fund in Memory of Jefferson Franklin Jackson
- Professor Dwight L. Eddins Southern Literature and Culture Endowment
- Southern Writers Griffith-Howington Endowed Support Fund
- Joyce Haguewood & William Edward Lamont Endowed Library Fund
- William Stanley Hoole Endowment Fund
- Kirby Jackson Quasi-Endowment Fund
- Joseph Neely Miller Endowment for Special Collections
- Frank D. Parnham Memorial Endowed Library Support Fund
- Lois Robertson Endowed Support Fund
- Lois Bell Ross Endowed Library Support Fund for the Gorgas Southern History Collection
- Elise Sanguinetti Endowed Library Support Fund
- Donna I. Sorensen Collection: The Accomplishments of Southern Women Endowed Support Fund
- Charles G. Summersell Endowed Maritime History Fund
- John Norton Todd III Memorial Endowment
- Mary Phyllis Jackson Todd Endowed Library Fund

Collections – Humanities

- Daniel Monroe and Amanda Delight Lessley Carmichael Memorial Endowed Fund - Religion and Philosophy
- Ella Richardson Davis Endowed Book Fund - Linguistics
- Dr. Sarah Wiggins History Fund - History
- Lilian Gatchell Endowed Book Fund - History
- Dora H. and Allen J. Going Endowed Library Support Fund - History
- Charles A. and Anne M. Paler Endowed Library Fund - Humanities
- John Dennis Tibbits Library Endowment - Poetry

Collections – Science and Technology

- Daniel J. Haughton Memorial Endowment
- Edith and Richard Ainsworth Endowed Library Support Fund
- Hattie Watson Taylor Endowed Memorial Library Fund

Excellence Endowments

- John Bigham Barnett Endowed Library Excellence Fund
- The Ann and Angelo Bruno Family Endowed Fund for Excellence
- The Case Library Excellence Fund
- Patricia S. Henderson Endowed Scholarship for University Libraries staff members continuing their education
- The Russell-Hendrix University Libraries Endowment for Excellence
- The Thomas Jefferson Jones, III Memorial Library Excellence Endowment

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- University Libraries Leadership Board Awards
- Faculty Service Award
- Staff Service Award
- Student Service Award

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UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES
LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETINGS 2022

SPRING ~
In the spring, the Leadership Board met via Zoom, and Dean Gilstrap made a presentation that included Executive Committee Officer Terms, the Capital Campaign, and the creation of the Dr. Sara Wiggins Fund and for Bama Blitz 2022. Guest speaker, Dr. Joshua Rothman, Chair of the University of Alabama History Department, also gave a presentation on the legacy of Dr. Sarah Wiggins. Additionally, we welcomed Dr. Rachel B. Fowler, a new member of the Leadership Board, to her first virtual meeting.

FALL ~
In the fall, Leadership Board members met on campus for coffee and a tour of the Angelo Bruno Business Library renovations, followed by a ribbon cutting to honor the Bruno family and their legacy of philanthropy, concluding with a luncheon and business meeting in the Camellia Room of Gorgas Library. We were honored to host members of the Bruno family, Mr. Ron Bruno and his wife Lee Ann, and Mrs. Suzanne Bowness and her husband Jack, for this special event. We were also pleased to host several members of the Student Government Association for the festivities.

Fall Meeting Continued –
Neely Portera, Director of Development, Honors College, College of Continuing Studies, and University Libraries discussed progress toward our goal in the Capital Campaign. Dr. Lorraine Madway made a presentation on the interactions between viewers and images and how collecting photographs from the State of Alabama is helping to build the collection of African American photographs in Special Collections. Specifically, she highlighted a collection recently added to Special Collections from Alabama photographer, Mr. Jo Tartt. Mr. Tarrt was unable to be present as originally scheduled, and attendees watched a University Libraries produced video exploring his photography.

During the meeting, Mrs. Sully Cochrane, Chair of the Membership Committee, welcomed Mr. Bob and Mrs. Kim Henderson as our newest members of the Leadership Board, as well as Dr. Rachel B. Fowler, who were all attending their first in-person meeting on campus.

Dean Gilstrap later made a presentation regarding Capital Campaign priorities and various capital improvements and naming opportunities. He concluded by announcing a major gift for the Rising Tide Capital Campaign from long serving Leadership Board members, Joan and Wray Pearce, who attended the meeting virtually. The Pearce family gift is made in honor of Henry Dean Wray, Wray Pearce’s grandfather. Dean Gilstrap thanked the Pearce’s on behalf of the University Libraries and the Leadership Board Capital Campaign Committee.
The primary purpose of University Libraries facilities is to support educational and research opportunities for University of Alabama students and faculty, and our event spaces provide a forum for dialogue and collaboration in the geographic and intellectual heart of campus. This year we hosted student organizations and various University departments, supporting events like the Ice Cream Social for returning students, Adobe Day, Lucy’s Legacy Orientation, the BRIDGE Program, the Tenured and Promoted Faculty Event, and many others.

Of note, we sponsored and hosted Dr. Arthur Dunning, University of Alabama alumnus and native Alabamian from Marengo County, and President Emeritus of Albany State University, for a discussion about his groundbreaking book, Unreconciled. We were also proud to also host, in partnership with the Alabama Center for the Book, the Poet Laureate of the State of Alabama, Ashley M. Jones, for an event entitled, “Past is Present: A Conversation in Poetry.”

Outreach and Events

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES WAS PROUD TO HOST OUR CAMPUS PARTNERS FOR OVER 200 MEETINGS, WORKSHOPS, CONFERENCES, MOVIE NIGHTS, AND SPECIAL EVENTS IN 2022!
NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Michael Arthur, Senior Associate Dean, Library Administration
Alex Boucher, Reference and Instruction Librarian, Hoole Special Collections
Alice Daughterty, Director of Resource Acquisition and Discovery
Jessica Kircad, Digital Initiatives Librarian, Hoole Special Collections
Lindsey Lowry, Coordinator of Acquisitions and Electronic Resources, Resource Acquisition & Discovery
Bob Pucko, Director of Library Technology
Karleigh Riesen, Coordinator of Library Instruction, Gorgas Information Services
Lance Simpson, Assessment Librarian, Bruno Business Library
Kevin Walker, Director of Branch Library & Research Data Services
Sara Whiter, Digital Humanities Librarian, Alabama Digital Humanities Center
Shibina Aaron, Library Public Service Assistant, Circulation Department
Dee Edwards, Library Technician, Resource Acquisition & Discovery
Krisy Justice, Executive Secretary, Library Administration
Sara McGuigan, Program Assistant, Library Administration
Justin Melton, Assistant Manager, Circulation Services, Bruno Library

LEADERSHIP BOARD AWARDS

FACULTY AWARD
DR. KEVIN WALKER
Director of Branch Library & Research Data Services
— From Kevin Walker’s nomination letter, submitted by a colleague.
“Kevin does not shy away from a challenge, and quickly makes connections that resolve problems and move projects forward. He takes initiative when there are problems to be solved, and communicates concepts effectively so that his colleagues at all levels can easily strategize solutions. He is also an excellent presenter and teacher who is happy to share what he has learned with others so they may benefit from his insights.”

STAFF AWARD
MICHAEL PATRICK
IT Technical Specialist II, Resource Acquisition & Discovery
— From Michael Patrick’s nomination letter, submitted by a colleague.
“Michael demonstrates the highest levels of competence and professionalism. What’s more, his tireless service and can-do attitude demonstrate a commitment to the success of University Libraries that’s undoubtedly worthy of praise.”

STUDENT AWARD
JEFFERY PATE
Access Services, Circulation and Inter-Library Loan
Jeffery is completing his Bachelor’s of Science in Education with an internship in a 9th Grade World History classroom for Tuscaloosa City Schools. He is teaching, observing and assisting instruction, and participating in school and community events as part of his internship.

PROMOTIONS

It is always rewarding from an organizational standpoint to see talented employees advance in their career growth. Congratulations to University Libraries faculty and staff who continue their journey with us in new roles in 2022.

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MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Our...

Mission
The University of Alabama Libraries are essential in advancing the educational mission of the University. We provide innovative instruction, services, and resources to facilitate teaching, research, and learning. The University of Alabama Libraries are committed to be student-centered and research-focused in order to support discovery, learning, and creativity at the Capstone.

Vision
We envision a future in which faculty and students have in-depth awareness of the resources available, skills to evaluate them, and a desire to pursue lifelong learning.

Values
- Providing excellent services and learning experiences for all members of the University community while promoting collaboration.
- Openness to diverse voices and perspectives for exchanging information and ideas.
- Access to comprehensive scholarly information resources that support campus curricula and contribute to the impact of the research life cycle.
- Assessment and continuous improvement of our practices with a culture of accountability.
- Training and technology that support innovation and entrepreneurship.

BAMA BLITZ 2022

BAMA BLITZ 2022 Funds raised by University Libraries during BAMA Blitz created the Dr. Sarah Wiggins History Fund, honoring a long serving Leadership Board Member, and an exceptional history pioneer, who meant so much to The University of Alabama and University Libraries. Special thanks to members of The University of Alabama Libraries Leadership Board for their matching gifts. The Leadership Board generously completed the funds needed to establish this endowment, contributing $18,400. Total amount raised was $25,000 from 45 gifts and matching funds.

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