

University of Arkansas Libraries

**Current Status and
Future Initiatives**

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Largest Research Library in Arkansas

Library Mission

To support the information and reading needs of students, faculty, and staff in all areas of learning, research, and public service.

University Vision

The University of Arkansas is a nationally competitive, student-centered research university serving Arkansas and the world.

Serving Arkansas and the World

- Online catalog (InfoLinks) available worldwide
- Web-based materials available to all faculty and students irrespective of location
- Non-proprietary databases available to all citizens in the state and worldwide
- All citizens and researchers may use the collections when in the library
- Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery

Association Of Research Libraries Peers

- University of Kentucky
- University of Tennessee
- University of Iowa
- University of North Carolina
- University of Texas
- University of Virginia
- University of Kansas
- Texas A&M University

Holdings

- 1,696,015 Volumes
 - 14,990 Serials
- 3,245,404 Microforms
- 18,222 lf Manuscripts (about 8,901 processed)
- 122,116 Cartographic Pieces
 - 158 Electronic Databases

CURRENT ENDOWMENT

\$2,000,000

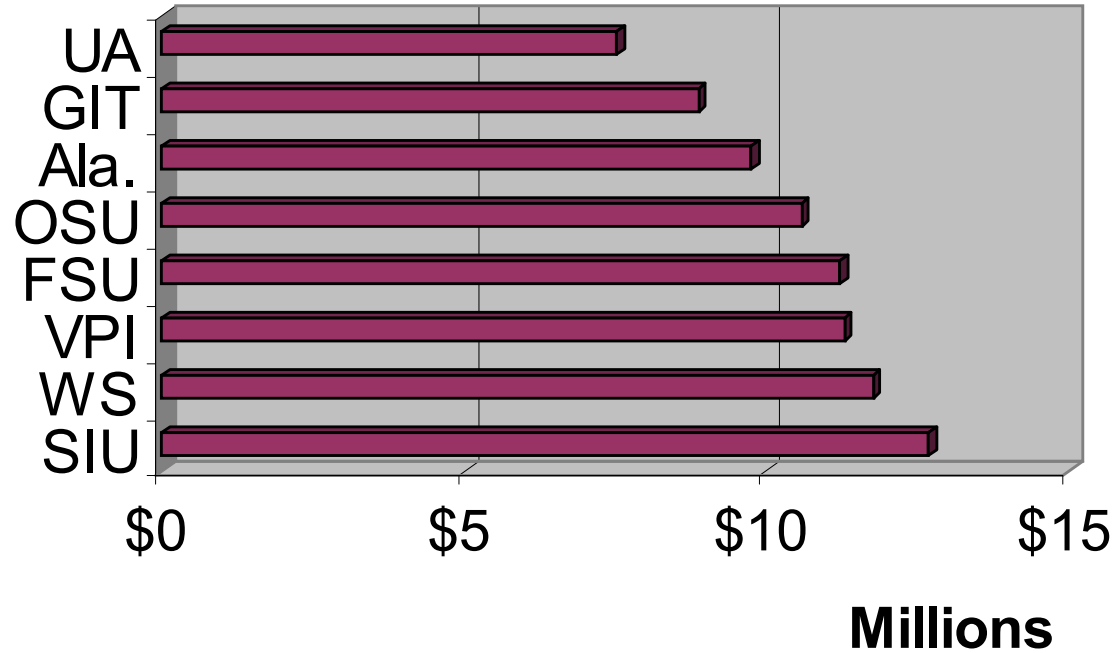
Generates about \$100,000 annual
income

EXPENDITURES

FY 2000/01

- Books \$619,729
- Serials \$1,548,600
- Electronic \$415,143
- Interlibrary Loan \$95,528
- Other \$164,480
- TOTAL Materials \$2,843,480
- TOTAL Operating \$6,891,872

ARL Libraries with Low Expenditures Annual Expenditures



HOW TO GET THERE

To match lowest level ARL today,
UA needs over \$13,000,000 in base
operating support
annually.

CAMPAIGN GOAL



\$10,000,000

Raised as of 11/31 \$ 4,196,730

42% of the Goal

National Trends/Arkansas Trends

- Increase in use of Interlibrary Loan
- Decrease in circulation
- Change in reference services
- Increased user education programs
- High demand for distance education services
- Escalation in serials pricing affecting the number of serials purchased
- More reliance on electronic resources
- Increased consortial relationships to offset price escalations
- Assessment of service quality through participation in national surveys

Initiatives

- Operational Excellence
- Curriculum/Research Support
- Academic Program Support through Collection Development
- Internal Reviews of Operations, Facilities, Programs, and Staffing
- Budget Reallocations

Collection building is a high
priority.

Selection policies include:

- Defining the scope of existing collections
- Assessing strengths and weaknesses of collections
- Establishing goals for acquiring future collections
- Developing plans for working with future shifts in the marketplace
- Developing internal fund allocations to support existing and future needs
- Providing better access to information in a variety of formats
- Preserving existing collections
- Increasing use of unique collections through digitization projects
- Increasing the number of grants to process archival and manuscript collections
- Developing cooperative relations locally, regionally, and nationally

Collection Strengths

- Finest history collection in the state
- Extensive manuscript collections in history and politics
- Growing collections in Middle Eastern Studies, Chinese Music, and Latin American Studies
- Expanded electronic collections in all areas (recently added more than 1700 electronic journals/approximately 1500 new titles)

Collection Issues

- Increase support of Ph.D. programs offered at UA
- Reverse the impact of the serials cancellations in the 1990s
- Reverse collection deterioration due to lack of preservation/conservation program
- Increase Classical materials in electronic format
- Increase support for foreign languages
- Expand newspaper collection
- Increase support professional programs

What you can do

- Involve librarians when establishing new courses or programs
- Involve librarians in departmental strategic planning
- Increase your knowledge of publishing trends and pricing
- Give us feedback about programs you and your students would like us to offer
- Include the library in grant opportunities
- Partner with Subject Librarians when writing articles or books