



Annual Report

2024-25



About UAB Libraries

UAB Libraries advances research, teaching, and learning at UAB by providing access to rich and diverse scholarly collections and the essential expertise to support excellence in education, research, patient care, and community outreach, each of which fosters the success and impact of the university.

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**Sparks Medical Library at UAB Huntsville Regional
Medical Campus**

A message from the **Dean of UAB Libraries**



Dear UAB community,

It is my pleasure to report that UAB Libraries has completed another highly successful and productive academic year. Preparing the annual report always offers an opportunity to reflect on the breadth and depth of our work — from equipping UAB students with the research skills essential for academic success, to supporting research data management, to digitizing, preserving, and disseminating the university's scholarly output, to providing the resources and services that underpin teaching, learning, and research across the institution.

Our research instruction program, delivered through curriculum-driven classroom instruction, workshops, and consultations, continued to grow, resulting in 1,529 instruction sessions with a total of 12,202 participants. Library faculty and staff from all divisions field thousands of information/reference inquiries from the UAB community. In the last academic year, they answered an impressive 19,018 questions across all divisions, with most questions (13,680) addressed at the Sterne and Lister Hill HUB Desks.

Our library spaces continued to serve as vibrant hubs for both academic and social engagement. We also proudly employed a large cohort of student workers, who collectively logged more than 38,000 hours last year. Many supported users at the HUB desks, while others maintained our physical collections, loaned and taught emerging technologies in our tech labs, or assisted with interlibrary loan services. Their diverse perspectives and experiences strengthen our operations and directly support campuswide student success metrics. Student employment at UAB Libraries is also an extension of our educational mission — helping students build workplace-ready skills and fostering a mindset of continuous learning and growth.

We remained committed to reducing students' financial burden by providing free access to essential resources. Our specialized and standard technology circulated 16,147 times last year, and our support for emerging technologies — including extended reality consultations and 3D printing — continued to grow, with 1,335 3D printing projects completed.

Our library reserves program, a key component of our Affordable Instructional Materials initiative, further advanced this mission by placing high-cost textbooks on short-term reserve to ensure equitable access. These materials were checked out more than 1,500 times — a 48% increase over the previous year.

We continued to expand our digitization and digital preservation efforts, growing our preserved data holdings to 11 TB. Digital Services completed imaging for seven new collections this year, including the full run of UAB Commencement programs, the Middle East Medical Collection, and the Alternative Press Collection — an exciting new initiative developed in collaboration with Birmingham community partners.

The Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery, launched in 2024, experienced exceptional engagement, hosting 46 gallery tours and welcoming 1,252 visitors. The Historical Collections team also delivered five public lectures and supported 197 classes, research consultations, tours, and visits from high school, campus, and community groups — serving a total of 1,213 participants.

In the past academic year, we finalized a new strategic plan for 2024-28, which aligns our direction with the university's mission and vision. We're excited to grow our support for the university's excellence in education, research, patient care, and community outreach.

Sincerely,
Kasia Gonnerman

Research, Instruction, and Scholarly Communication



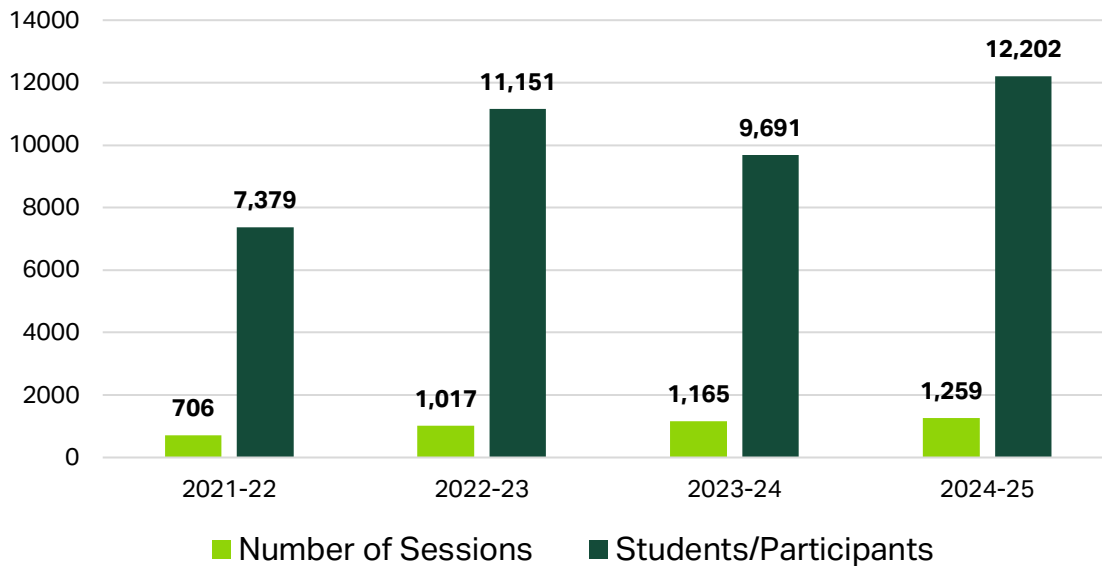
Instruction

Library faculty and staff from the departments of Research, Instruction, and Scholarly Communication, Lister Hill Library at University Hospital, Sparks Medical Library, Historical Collections, and Library IT Services led a total of 1,117 instruction sessions with a total of 10,630 students or participants.

1,529 total instructional sessions

12,202 student participants in instruction sessions

Year-over-year total instructional comparison



Chat Services

UAB Libraries offers live chat services for a total of 40 hours per week. Although there was a slight decline in chat usage, the number of patrons utilizing this service continued to be high, with 1,985 chats answered during last academic year. Eighty percent of the chat questions answered were reference or research in nature, while the remaining 20% were informational. Additionally, 495 reference questions received through the ticketing system were answered during the reporting period. Each reference question received through the ticketing system receives a personalized response from a librarian.

1,985 live chats answered

495 offline chat tickets

1,500 chatbot inquiries

At the beginning of the fall 2024 semester, a new chatbot service was launched to enhance patron support when live chat is unavailable. The chatbot serves as a first point of contact for library patrons, automating answers to common questions and guiding them to the correct resources or staff. Library patrons initiated more than 1,500 chatbot inquiries, allowing them to locate needed information quickly and efficiently.

Reference Services

Library faculty and staff field thousands of information/reference inquiries from the UAB

community. In the last academic year, they answered 13,680 questions — the majority of them at the Sterne HUB Desk (10,175) and the Lister Hill HUB Desk (3,289).

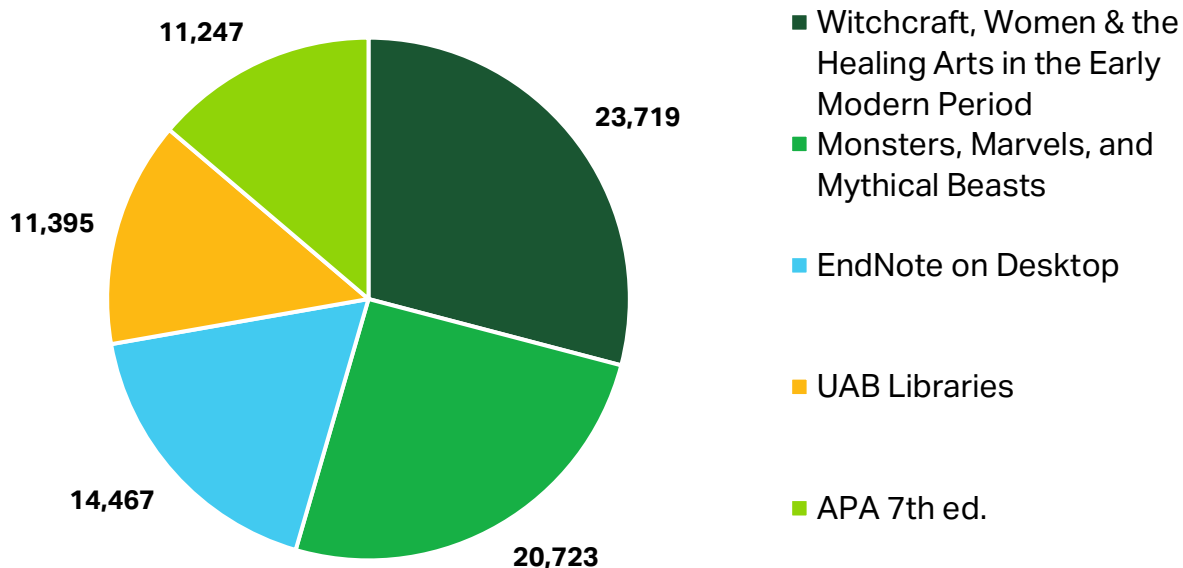
19,018 questions fielded by library faculty and staff across divisions

Research Guides

Library faculty and staff curate a significant collection of research guides. Known as LibGuides, these include course guides, which help students begin research for class assignments, and subject guides, which help users find resources for specific programs or fields of research. In the past academic year, 202 published guides were viewed 234,120 times.

234,120 total views on published LibGuides

Top 5 most-viewed LibGuides



Read more:

[Instructors: Here are 5 academic integrity resources available through UAB Libraries](#)

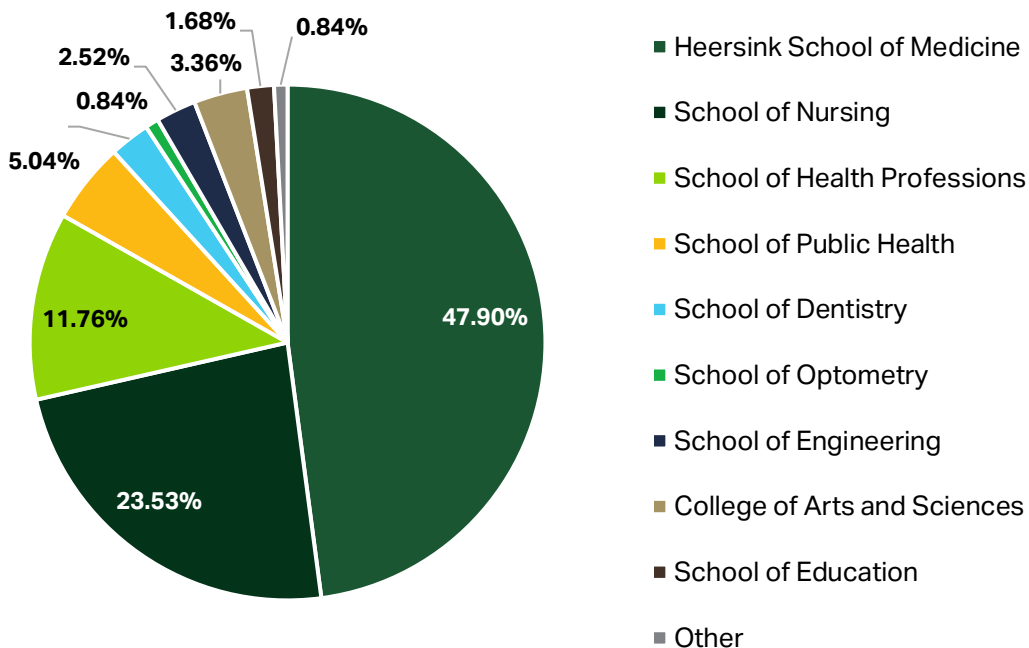
UAB Libraries' Academic Integrity research guide, created by Kara Van Abel, academic integrity coordinator, reference librarian and liaison to the Collat School of Business, is a one-stop-shop for all things academic integrity at UAB — including a new Canvas assignment on the subject, available for embedding into any Canvas shell.

Systematic Reviews and Expert Searching

The Clinical, Academic, and Research Engagement (CARE) department provides a free systematic review service for UAB faculty, residents, fellows, staff, and graduate students. CARE librarians regularly serve on systematic review and other advanced evidence syntheses search teams. During the reporting period, 119 new requests for services were placed through the online SR service request form, mostly from the health sciences, and 111 completed results were delivered to users. This number includes 79 systematic reviews / scoping reviews as well as 40 other types of reviews, including integrative reviews, concept analyses, and literature reviews. CARE librarians also assisted with 20 grant-supported projects and 28 dissertations and theses. In total, over 1,000 hours were spent on evidence synthesis searching which contributed to 17 peer-reviewed publications.

119 new requests for systematic reviews
1,000+ hours spent on evidence synthesis searching

Systematic review services requests per campus unit



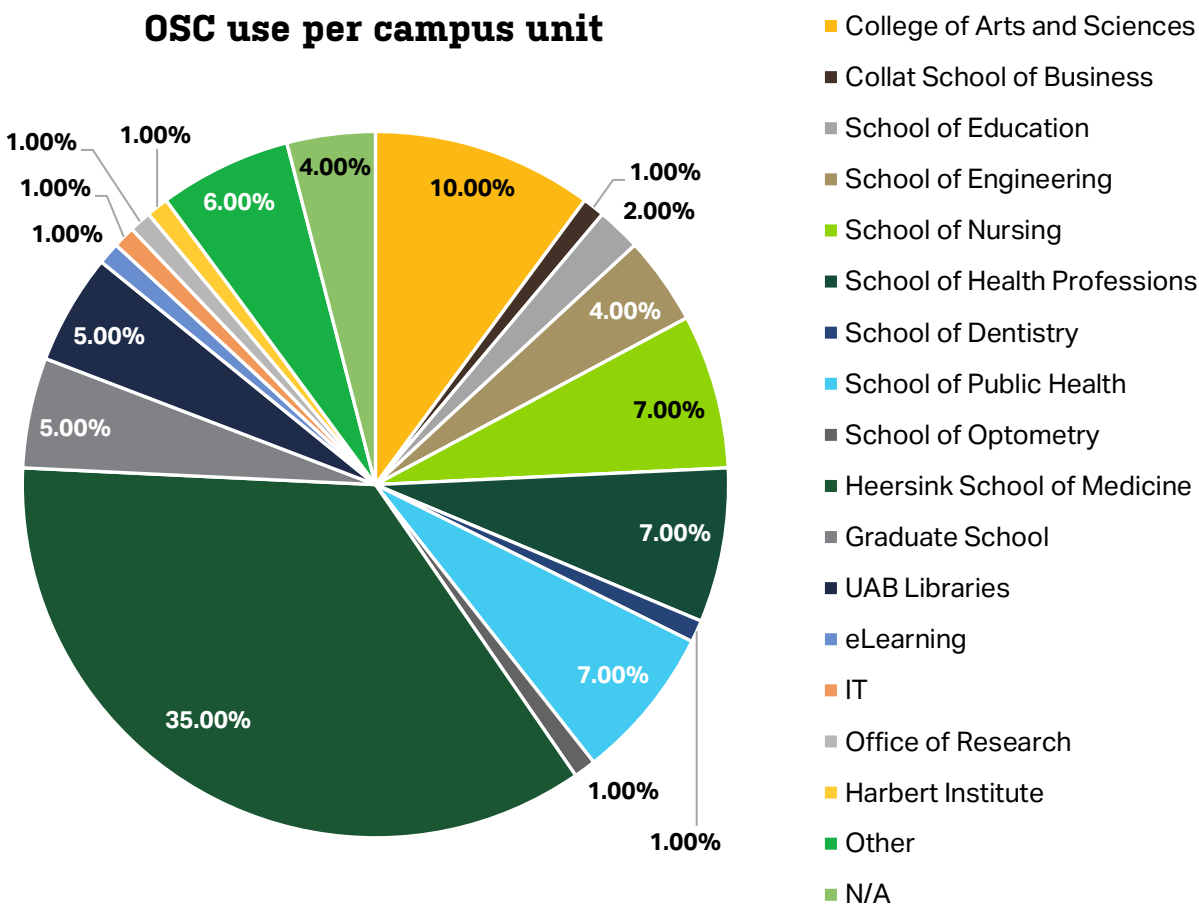
Read more:

[Turn your ideas into evidence-based outcomes using this project management software from UAB Libraries](#)

A newly available platform through UAB Libraries enables clinicians and health care faculty and students to better organize and manage evidence-based practice and quality improvement projects. Ovid Synthesis (available at no cost to UAB students and employees through UAB Libraries following a licensure request) provides templates for project management, guiding users through the steps of an evidence-based practice or quality improvement project.

Office of Scholarly Communication

The Office of Scholarly Communication (OSC) provides highly personalized support for the UAB community through consultations and workshops. In 2024-25, OSC worked with more than 1,500 UAB faculty, students, and staff from all schools and other units, with the top three participants being from the Heersink School of Medicine (35%), the College of Arts and Sciences (10%), and the School of Health Professions (7%).



The OSC fielded a wide variety of questions on topics such as research data best practices, copyright/fair use, and Open Access publishing. The OSC's Data Management Librarian reviewed 24 data management plans for UAB researchers and integrated Research Data Management planning modules into 9 new courses, for a total of 21 courses to date.

Read more:

[More data, less hassle: New Research Data Catalog aims to revolutionize data discovery at UAB](#)

Hosted in the UAB Digital Commons, the Research Data Catalog is an online collection of records describing datasets generated by UAB researchers; rather than directly including or storing datasets, the catalog functions as a directory to help users discover UAB-deposited datasets in external repositories like Zenodo and Dryad.

26% of requests were related to read-and-publish agreements

24% of requests were related to data management plans, storage, repositories, and ELN

9% of requests were related to publishing, writing, and journal selection

Read & Publish Agreements

UAB Libraries are committed to the fundamental concepts of Open Access due to a demonstrated increase in citations and usage, easy compliance with institutional and funder mandates, retention of copyright by authors, faster impact, and greater public engagement. UAB Libraries advance open access publishing at UAB through negotiating read & publish agreements, a type of agreement designed to shift from a traditional subscription model to an open access publishing ecosystem, where authors' Article Processing Charges (APCs) are covered under the agreement.

UAB Libraries participate in 10 read and publish agreements with publishers including Wiley, Springer Nature, Cambridge University Press, IOP Publishing, ACM, the Royal Society of Chemistry, and Mary Ann Liebert. In the past year, UAB Libraries funded 235 APCs through its read & publish agreements, saving UAB authors more than \$887,000 in APC costs.

\$887,000+ in APCs saved for UAB authors in 2023-24

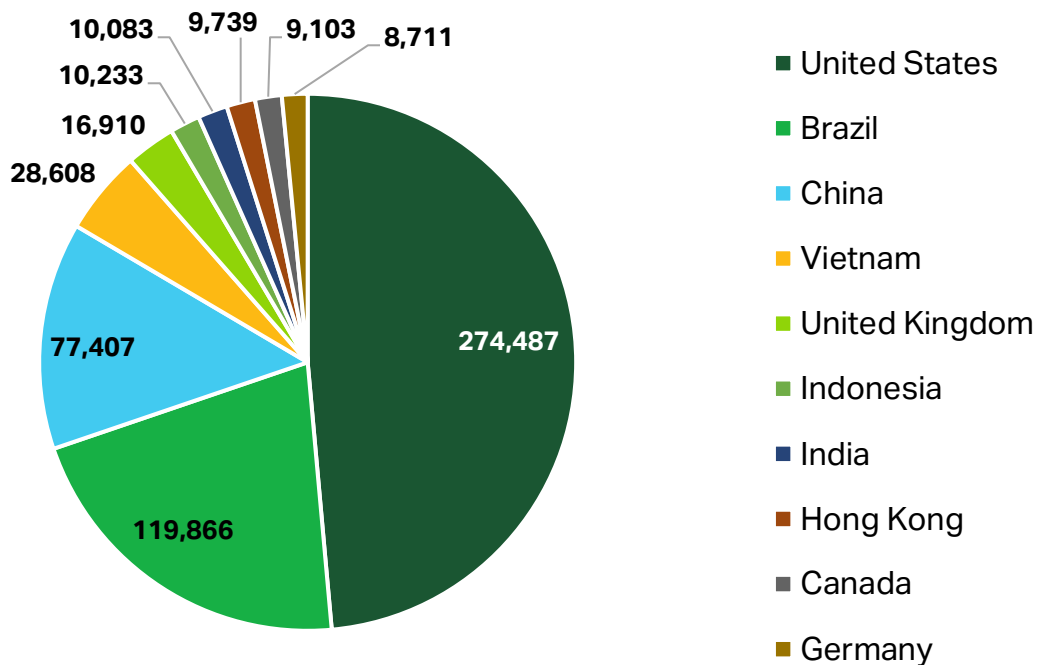
Read more: [Libraries agreements save more than \\$2 million for UAB authors who publish open access](#)

Digital Commons Institutional Repository

UAB Libraries provide scholarly repository services through its digital institutional repository UAB Digital Commons, launched in 2023. Digital Commons provides open global access to UAB scholarship, including journal articles, theses, dissertations, student creative and scholarly work, conference papers, and more. All UAB theses and dissertations are now digitized and deposited in the Digital Commons and have been downloaded more than 280,000 times.

21,587 items added in the past year (9,216 → 30,803)
538,824 full text items downloaded in the past year
509 streams of multimedia content in the past year
10,497 institutions represented in downloads
280,809 total downloads of UAB theses and dissertations (52% of all downloads)

Top 10 countries to access UAB Digital Commons



Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery

The Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Department (ILL) ranked fourth among all Southeastern research libraries in the number of lending requests filled through RapidILL.

ILL filled lending requests for 861 unique libraries around the world and filled borrowing requests for more nearly 1,000 unique UAB patrons.

13,175 lending requests for articles

2,050 lending requests for books

2,581 borrowing requests for articles filled for UAB patrons

879 borrowing requests for books filled for UAB patrons

Read more:

[Users can now place up to 40 active ILL requests at once](#)

Beginning Aug. 26, 2024, UAB Libraries users became able to place up to 40 active Interlibrary Loan requests at one time, an increase from the previous limit of 25.

Engagement with the Profession

Service to the Profession

Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (AACRL)

Vice-President/ President Elect

Past President

Listserv Moderator

Chair, Membership Committee

Alabama Health Libraries Association (ALHeLA)

Continuing Education Coordinator

Alabama Library Association (ALLA)

President / President Elect

Alabama Libraries Editorial Board

Moderator, Library Instruction Round Table

Founder & Moderator, Scholarly Communication Round Table

Alabama Library Association - College, University, and Special Libraries (CUS)

Secretary

Member-at-Large

Chair, CUS Planning Committee

Chair, Membership Committee

Alabama School Library Association (ASLA)

Chair, Young Adult Section

American Chemical Society (ACS)

American Library Association (ALA)

Chair, Business Reference and Services Section (BRASS)

Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures, Co-chair, ACRL Representative

Core Interdivisional Academic Library Facilities Survey Editorial Board
Israel Fishman Adult Nonfiction Award Admin and Co-Chair
American Society for Engineering Educators (ASEE)
Chair, Engineering Libraries Division (ELD) Membership Directory
Engineering Libraries Division (ELD) Delegate to Commission on P-12 Engineering Education
Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries (AAHSL)
Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL)
Editorial Board Member, DSS Research Data Q publication
Costume Society of America
Health InfoNet of Alabama Coordinator & Treasurer
International Association of Music Libraries (IAML)
International Association for Social Science Information Service and Technology
International Health Literacy Association
Chair, Librarians Advancing Health Literacy Interest Group
Joint Conference of Librarians of Color
League of Awesome Librarians
Medical Library Association (MLA)
Chair, Leadership and Management Caucus
Chair, Public Health/Health Administration Caucus
Secretary, Consumer & Patient Health Information Services
Music Library Association
Music Library Association Southeast Region (SEMLA)
Executive Committee, Member-at-large
National Association for Media Literacy Education
New England Association of Chemistry Teachers (NEACT)
Executive Committee - Publicity Agent
Popular Culture Association (PCA) / American Culture Association
Popular Culture Association of the South
REFORMA: The National Association to Promote Library & Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking
Chair, Scholarship Committee
Co-founder, Academic Librarians Advancing Service Committee
Research Data Access and Preservation Association
Southern Academic Business Librarians
Southeastern Library Association (SELA)
Southern Chapter of Medical Library Association (SCMLA)
Chair, Local Arrangements Committee SCMLA Meeting 2026
Theater Library Association

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- McGuire, A. S.** ALA RRT Stonewall Awards. ALA SRRT Libraries Respond Series 2025, Virtual, Lightning Talk.
- McGuire, A. S.** Avoiding Being Sent to Plagiarism Prison: Reducing Stigma for New International Students. ASEE Annual Conference & Exposition 2025, Montreal, QC, Canada, Lightning Talk.
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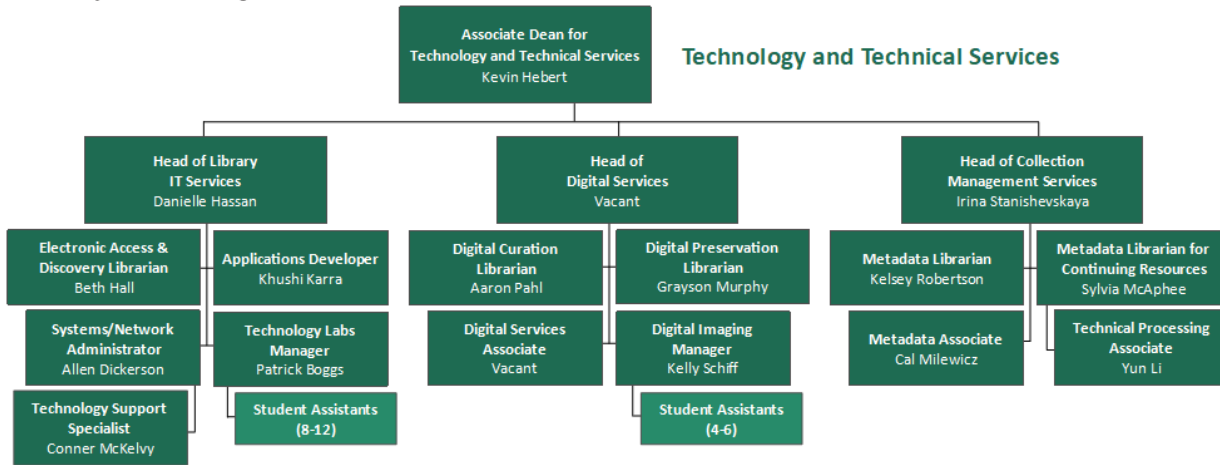
Technology & Technical Services



UAB Libraries' Technology and Technical Services Division currently consists of three departments including Library IT Services, Digital Services, and Collection Management Services. As a team, we work collaboratively across all areas of UAB Libraries and UAB campuses to support a variety of systems, access points, repositories, resources, digital assets, hardware, technologies, databases, websites, and services. Our team strives to embrace a culture of efficiency in workflows, diversity in ideas, adaptability in processes, and growth in professionalism.

The Division includes eight faculty members, seven staff members, twelve student workers, and we currently have two open positions including the Head of Digital Services (faculty), and a Digital Services Associate (staff). Over the past year we successfully recruited and welcomed two new members to our team: Khushi Karra (Applications Developer), and Conner McKelvy (Technology Support Specialist). We have had one position vacated, and three positions reassigned to other divisions within the libraries. The recruitment and reorganization of new and vacant positions has been an ongoing effort to strengthen the infrastructure of our departments and increase services

to the organization and the university. In the coming year, we will continue to fine tune our workflows, fill vacancies, identify gaps, and provide the best possible services to our users, colleagues, and the extended UAB community.



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Library IT Services

The Library IT Services Team provides services in the areas of systems administration, IT support, electronic access, hardware management, technology lab development, applications development, and hands-on training for a variety of specialized devices, software applications, resources, and systems. User engagement and improved experience are at the core of our mission, striving to support our users and colleagues as they navigate the rapidly changing digital landscapes and technological infrastructures of our modern academic library.

Over the past year, the Library IT Services Team worked together in collaboration with internal departments and units across campus to assess and enhance existing services, implement several new tools and systems, provide technical training internally and externally, and manage equipment and technology-enhanced spaces.

Systems and Hardware Management

The Library IT Services Team has been busy this past year, leading and participating in a variety of planned and unplanned system enhancement and equipment maintenance projects. Some of the highlights include:

Alma/Primo/Mobile Enhancements:

- Conducted PrimoVE audit and implemented several enhancements based on user behavior
- Automated SUSHI harvesting to increase efficiency in the assessment of collection usage
- Established process to import and maintain BlazerID photos in user records
- Created generic "name" for the welcome screen to avoid greeting users with inaccurate names
- Refined the "lost and missing process" in Alma to make it more user friendly for staff
- Created new graphics for Mobile app and updated logos to support new university guidelines
- Updated information in Resource Recommender to increase accuracy and improve discovery
- Configured import profiles and troubleshoot metadata replacement issues in Alma Digital

Other Systems Projects:

- Built live and static interactive dashboards for several platforms to consolidate usage tracking
- Compared data and evaluated eResource usage across multiple platforms and EZproxy
- Set up SSO authentication for Springshare and ILLiad; updated all SSL certificates
- Implemented ThirdIron plugin for ILLiad; reworked ILLiad request forms
- Setup process for publishing digital collection content to the Digital Library of the Middle East
- Updated descriptions and metadata for 650 online databases
- Advertised and distributed 120 Unity Academic Alliance Vouchers
- Worked with Historical Collections on various tech items for the new gallery exhibit
- Worked with UAB IT to test mobile credentialing infrastructure within the libraries

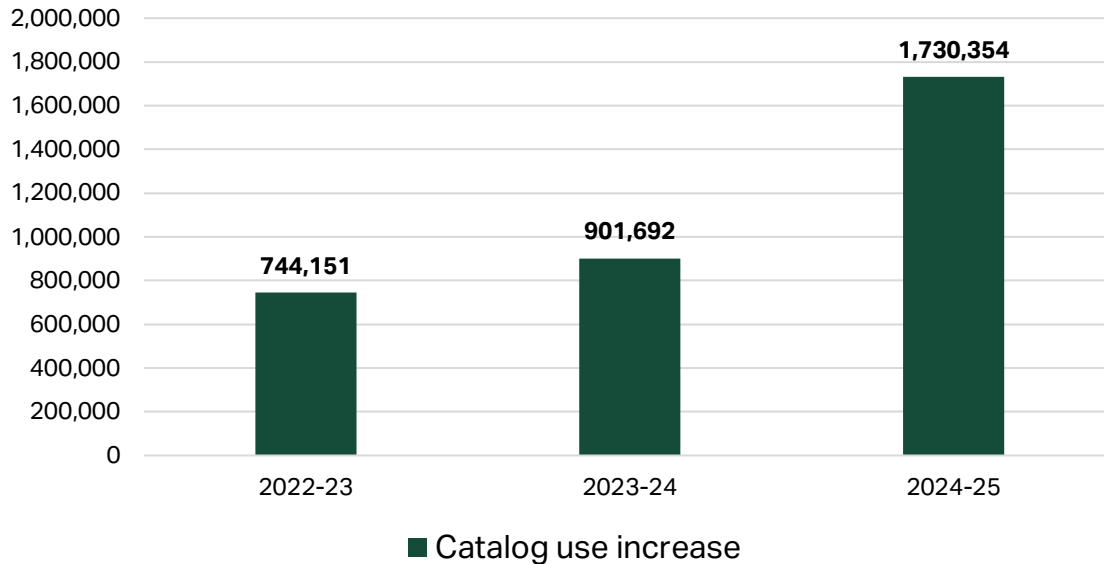
Ongoing maintenance of public-use hardware and software:

- Updated and calibrated KIC scanners; replaced KIC scanner at LHL
- Replaced all study room reservation computers and catalog access terminals
- Assessed and resolved several issues with vending kiosks and circulating laptops; reworked all labels and barcodes on laptops
- Replaced and updated equipment for circulating technology collections
- Provided maintenance and support on both Sterne Library seminar rooms; created digital signage for events
- Worked with UAB IT to set up 60 laptops for the Long-Term Loan Program
- Added omnikey readers for one tap authentication at service desks

968,936 electronic books and journals accessed

96,286 visits to UAB Libraries database access pages

Year-over-year increase in catalog usage



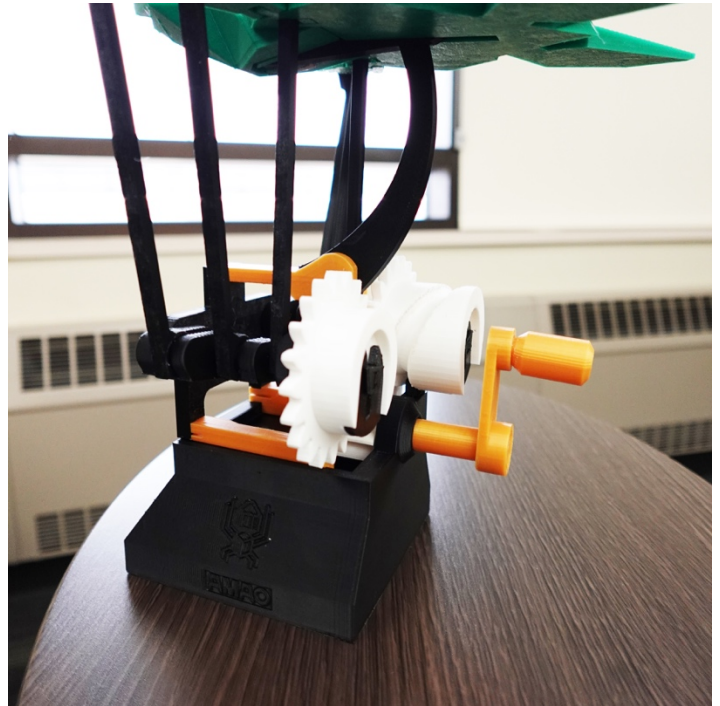
Emerging Technology / Technology Labs (LIBLAB)

Over the past year, our LIBLAB has continued to support technological needs for the UAB community by providing access to specialized equipment and offering trainings and consultations related to the use and application of technology in academia. We have also hosted several area schools for lab tours in hopes of recruiting some future tech-minded Blazers.

To streamline service desks, we have recently funneled all foot traffic through two of our four spaces, with access to the 3D printing spaces now available by appointment only. Completed print jobs are now available through LIBLAB, reserving the 3D print spaces for consultations and training. With all technology and deliverables available in the same space, we have been able to provide more open hours with less staffing requirements.

Some of the interesting 3D projects we have collaborated on over the past year include:

- Printing food hoppers and camera holders for animal cages in an ongoing Alzheimer's study
- Printing customized injection molds for a drosophila project
- Printing and assembling an antique Kessler prosthetic as part of an Auburn research project
- Building a turtle automaton to showcase build complexity
- Printing library awards and designing custom identification tags for circulating equipment



When the orange crank is turned, the 3D-printed sea turtle moves as if swimming.

- 12%** increase checkouts of specialized technology collections from the LibLab (976 → 1,095)
- 55%** increase in checkouts of standard technology collections from the HUB (3,632 → 5,650)
- 7,087** laptop checkouts and **2,315** charging block checkouts from automated kiosks
- 1,010** filament and **325** resin 3D print jobs completed in the LibLab
- 12,211** visits to the LibLab

Technology/Digital Literacy

Over the past year our IT Services Team has increased technical trainings for staff, revived the Adobe Creative Cloud support series, and continued to provide introductory and advanced trainings for 3D printing. The feedback from these events has been overwhelmingly positive and, in some cases, has led to invitations to participate in other campus activities with a focus on technology. Some of the highlights include:

- Designed and delivered 6 Alma/Primo workshops related to Discovery, Acquisitions, Inventory, Fulfillment, Electronic Resources, and Analytics

- Designed and delivered 8 Adobe Creative Cloud workshops related to Adobe Express, Adobe Aero, Adobe Firefly, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe XD, Adobe Acrobat, and Adobe Podcasting
- Designed and delivered 35 3D printing workshops related to SLA printers, soapmaking, automated manufacturing, and 3D printing history
- Provided cross-departmental training on eResource management and usage statistics gathering to streamline metadata services and collection development processes
- Created a lite library tech training and support site for staff to reference as well as several web based tools for them to use

55 technology-focused workshops and trainings offered
259% increase in technical consultations (44 → 158)

Digital Services

The Digital Services Team provides services in the areas of digital imaging and visual resources, digital preservation, digital collection development and curation, digital exhibits/scholarship support, and digital asset management. Increasing the discoverability and use of hidden collections through digitization and curation, building awareness of best practices for digital preservation, and developing infrastructure to support long term digital preservation for the organization is at the core of our mission.

Over the past year, the Digital Services Team worked together to increase departmental output and expand our digital services to departments across UAB Libraries and UAB. We have enhanced our growing digital collections, re-worked several of our policies and workflows, initiated community-focused projects with local partners in Birmingham, increased our preservation infrastructure, and started long-term planning to expand support for in-house digital archiving.

Digital Imaging / Digital Services Lab

The flow of content to the Digital Services Lab has increased significantly over the past year and workflows have been streamlined. Infrastructure improvements included updating workstations and adding capabilities to digitally migrate and preserve various audio-visual materials including audio cassettes, CD-ROM/DVD, VHS, and Beta video tapes.

This year we completed the imaging on seven new digitization projects, with several others nearing completion in the workflow. Some of the highlights include:

- Completed a large-scale transcription project to create and add transcriptions for all our existing media collections, including the Office of Oral History Collection
- Digitized all Reynolds-Finley Historical Lecture Series cassette tapes and processed The School of Public Health Speaker Series

- Digitized several Birmingham alternative newspapers including Blue Note, The Southsider, Southern Style, and Fun and Stuff Magazine
- Created a virtual 360-degree exhibit copy to allow for greater public accessibility and increase the lifespan of the Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery exhibit
- Digitized historical UAB Commencement programs and the Educational Resources Collection

843% increase in objects scanned in Digital Services Lab (357 → 3,367)

137% increase in individual images/pages packaged and preserved
(15,279 → 36, 284)

22% increase in total preserved data (9TB → 11TB)

3,765 objects preserved

84,411 individual files preserved

3,200 objects digitized and packaged in the Digital Services Lab

Digital Preservation and Asset Management

Over the past year, we have made significant contributions to our digital preservation program by initiating several new projects and continuing to refine our preservation workflows. With over 255,000 files in preservation, we have continued to move up in rank amongst the top depositors within Academic Preservation Trust. Some of the highlights this year include:

- Packaged and preserved over 6,000 items in local and cloud storage locations
- Added two new web-archiving collections to capture UAB Libraries and UAB Theater Productions
- Completed the legacy digital collections preservation project; built workflow for audio capture
- Completed the implementation of Archivematica, an open-source digital preservation system, which involved:
 - Performing extensive testing for processing and ingest workflows
 - Creating automations for workflows utilizing the Archivematica API
 - Ingested over 14,000 items into the system
 - Authored extensive documentation related to system use, access, and maintenance
- Worked with the OSC to preserve multiple institutional repository collections
- Created a collection level digital asset register to track various elements of collections in multiple preservation storage locations
- Designed new workflows for born-digital content; created proposals for digital archiving program

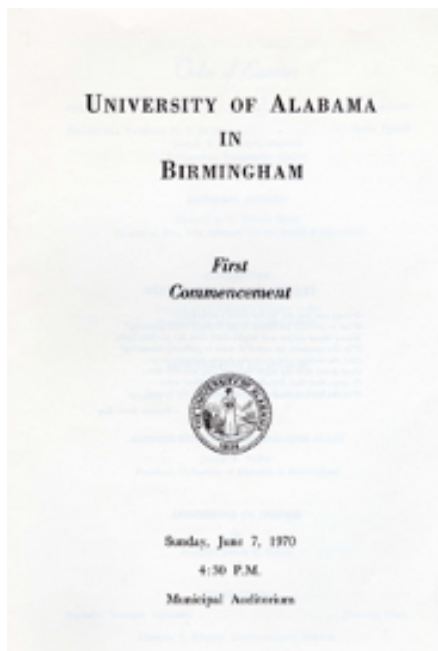
Digital Collections Curation, Access, and Management

Over the past year, our digital collections have grown, as have our partnerships in curation. We have worked to streamline access to our digital collections through metadata enhancement and expanded outreach efforts to include several departments on campus as well as community organizations. The Presidential Campaign Collection of William L. Benoit had the highest number of views followed by the Middle East Medical Collection and the UAB Town and Gown Theatre Programs and Playbills collection. Some of the other highlights this year include:

- Updated all metadata records to include unique identifiers; created new metadata templates
- Increased accessibility to collection materials through descriptive enhancements, metadata normalization, and captioning
- Built and expanded partnerships with Birmingham Music Archive and Jefferson County District Attorney's Office
- Created 3D models that complemented the Historical Collections Gallery exhibits
- Created workflows for managing existing collections, ingesting new collections, extracting analytics, and ingesting oversized material through the Alma/AWS S3 bucket
- Increased the total number of digital collections to 46, encompassing 4,439 items
- Doubled the content within the American Civil War Collection



Cover art from "The Southsider," 1978 – Part of the [Alternative Press Collection](#)



UAB's First Commencement Program, June 1970 – Part of the [UAB Commencement Program Collection](#)



Cover of "Explanation of the Precious Medicine," 1806 - Part of the [Middle East Medical Collection](#)

Read more:

[3 new collections you can explore in Alma Digital, UAB Libraries' new digital collections platform](#)

Did you know that UAB Libraries is home to more than 30 collections of materials digitized by the libraries' Digital Services team, including photographs, illustrations, books, videos, and audio recordings? UAB Libraries' Digital Collections are a collaboration between several library departments and the Digital Services Team, whose technical expertise on digitization and digital preservation continues to keep the Digital Collections online and available for browsing.

46 total digital collections encompassing **4,439** items

100% increase in digitized content within the American Civil War Collection

10,000 individual page views for Digital Collections

1,329 descriptive metadata records

Collection Management Services

The Digital Services Team provides services in the areas of digital imaging and visual resources, digital preservation, digital collection development and curation, digital exhibits/scholarship support, and digital asset management. Increasing the discoverability and use of hidden collections through digitization and curation, building awareness of best practices for digital preservation, and developing infrastructure to support long term digital preservation for the organization is at the core of our mission.

The Collection Management Services Team provides services in the areas of resource/records management, metadata creation and enhancement, repository maintenance, and physical materials processing. Facilitating access to resources of all formats through efficient processing procedures and increasing discoverability of cataloged resources through regular repository maintenance and record enhancement is at the core of our mission.

Over the past year, the Collection Management Services Team worked together to coordinate several collection maintenance projects, manage new and existing electronic collections, catalog and process new physical collections, enhance metadata across repositories, and support ongoing collection development initiatives. Some of the highlights include:

Collection Management

- Managed 1,090 existing electronic book and journal collections and facilitated access to 28 new eBook collections by activating approximately 2,100 portfolios
- Streamlined access to roughly 500 purchased and open-access eBooks, along with 86 audiovisual e-materials, thereby expanding the library's electronic resource offerings
- Regularly maintained, troubleshoot, and optimized electronic resource access to enhance the overall user experience for the UAB community

- Processed and provided timely access to nearly 2,400 print titles, including newly acquired and donated materials, reserve books, state-adopted textbooks, and replacement copies
- Enhanced and/or modified approximately 6,300 metadata records, 850 holdings, and more than 117,000 item records in the catalog to improve accuracy, searchability, and access
- Managed processing of around 300 periodical volumes, with over 700 volumes bound to improve preservation and usability
- Eliminated 11,164 records of obsolete, superseded, or irrelevant items from the catalog, substantially improving its accuracy and usability
- Managed access verification for approximately 3,400 titles in the 2023–2024 Elsevier eBook collections
- Conducted a comprehensive review of ten Oxford Scholarship Online and University Press electronic collections to address issues including uncontrolled automatic uploads, access inconsistencies, duplicate portfolios, and metadata discrepancies, resulting in the correction of approximately 3,000 titles

1,090 electronic book and journal collections managed

2,100 new individual ebook titles added

3,400 print titles cataloged

3,600 metadata records enhanced

Collaborations, Support, and Initiatives

- Managed access to the Café, STEM, and New Book collections to support timely availability and accurate information in the catalog
- Managed catalog updates for multiple relocation initiatives, including the LHL Journals relocation project, LHL Dissertations relocation project, and the MHSL Reference Collection relocation and withdrawal project
- Synchronized UAB Libraries' holdings data with the national OCLC database to ensure accuracy and enhance accessibility for Interlibrary Loan services
- Partnered with the Director of the J. Ellis Sparks Medical Library to facilitate access to new acquisitions and manage the removal of obsolete materials
- Cataloged 1,032 titles for UAB Archives to be added to the Bo Brown Memorial Collection; added items reflecting the University of Alabama Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes; provided metadata services for the Finding Aids Manuscript Collection Project by creating collection level records for 136 individual archival collections
- Cataloged and processed 70 pieces of equipment for Circulating Technology Collections
- Worked alongside the Reference Librarian and Liaison to the School of Education & Human Sciences on K-12 Textbook and Juvenile projects, enhancing access to new materials and removing outdated items to improve collection relevance

- Provided Alma collection level metadata services to the UAB Office of Scholarly Communication, increasing access to a wide range of digital collections, posters, and open access books, magazines, and journals
- Created visual landing pages in Alma Collections Manager to highlight new collections

Our Internal Technical Support

Internal Support

All areas of Technology and Technical Services provide support both internally and externally for librarians, teaching faculty, students, and other community users. Support tickets are managed through an online interface and include broad questions, acquisitions support, access issues, metadata enhancement requests, hardware support, website modifications, digitization requests, graphics requests, system support, and general IT related support. This past year, as a team, we resolved a total of 890 service tickets, submitted from a variety of areas within the libraries. Some of the major areas include:

Professional Engagement

Presentations & Publications

Craft, Anna, **Margaret Kain**, Danica Lewis, Camille McCutcheon and Joseph Thomas (2025, November 3-7 and December 11-12) *Evaluating and Supporting Transformative Agreements: Five institutional perspectives in discussion* [Conference presentation]. The Charleston Conference, Charleston, SC, United States. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TsmDbBBWN4I>.

Craft, Anna, **Peggy Kain**, Danica Lewis, Camille McCutcheon and Joseph Thomas (2024, November). *Evaluating and Supporting Transformative Agreements: Five institutional perspectives in discussion. Proceedings of the Charleston Conference 2024, USA* (accepted and in publication process)

Graveline, Jeff and **Peggy Kain** (2025, April 3-5). *Making the Case: Demonstrating the value of transformative agreements through cost-savings data* [Poster] Association of College and Research Libraries Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

Hall, Beth (2025, June 20). *Primo VE Error Reporting: Simplifying the Process* [Conference presentation]. ELUNA 2025 Annual Meeting/Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Hall, Beth and **Danielle Hassan**. (2025, June 20). *Ensuring a User-Friendly Catalog Experience: A Comprehensive Guide to a Primo VE Audit* [Conference presentation]. ELUNA 2025 Annual Meeting/Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Hassan, D. (2024 September 17). *Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story*. [Review of the film *Photographic Justice: The Corky Lee Story*, directed by J. Takaki]. Educational Media Reviews Online. <https://emro.libraries.psu.edu/record/index.php?id=7972>

Hassan, D. (2024 November 18). *Flash Wars: Autonomous Weapons, A.I. and the Future of Warfare*. [Review of the film *Flash Wars: Autonomous Weapons, A.I. and the Future of Warfare*, directed by D. Wunderer]. Educational Media Reviews Online.

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Hassan, D. (2025 August 4). *Equity from the Margins: Library IT and Hidden Work in AI Adaptation* [Conference Presentation]. American Library Association Social Responsibilities Round Table's Day of Social Justice.

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Hassan, D., Becker, B., Deaver, J., O'Hagan, E., & McAphee, S. (2024, September 12). *Demystifying the conference proposal panel* [Panel seminar]. UAB Libraries, Birmingham, AL, United States.

Hassan, D. and Pahl, A. (2025, June 20). *Navigating Dublin Core in Alma Digital: Challenges, Workarounds, and Lessons Learned* [Conference presentation]. ELUNA 2025 Annual Meeting/Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Hébert K., Boggs P., Kaetz, A. (2024) *Supporting the campus in new ways: building an emerging technology program at UAB Libraries* [Conference presentation]. 2024 ASERL Technology Immersion Conference, Birmingham AL, United States.

Hébert, K. Hassan, D. Hall, B. and Pahl, A. (2024) *Bridging the Gap: Navigating the Landscape of Multiple Implementations* [Conference presentation]. ELUNA (Ex Libris Users of North America) Annual Meeting/Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

Hébert, Kevin and Becker, Snowden (2024) *Southeastern Accents: Regional Digital Preservation with ADPNet and LOCKSS* [Meeting presentation]. NAAL (Network of Alabama Academic Libraries) Webinar Series, Virtual.

Kaetz, A., Pahl, A. (2024, October 22). Enhancing Exhibit Accessibility through 3D Interactive Technologies [Conference presentation]. Digital Library Federation (DLF) Virtual Symposium, Virtual.

Kain, Peggy. User-friendly search opens up a trove of sociological research. *Katina*, April 2025, <https://doi.org/10.1146/katina-0422325-1>

Marable, R., & Milewicz, C. (2024, October 25). Roundtable Safari: Exploration of the Jungle of Collection Management [Conference presentation]. ALLA CUS Fall Mini-Conference, Jacksonville, AL, United States.

McAfee, S. (2024). Librarian's Guide to Online Searching: Cultivating Database Skills for Research and Instruction: by Christopher C. Brown, Santa Barbara, CA, Denver CO: Libraries Unlimited, 2021, 392 pp., \$65.00, ISBN 978-1-4408-7823-7. *Journal of Electronic Resources in Medical Libraries*, 21(4), 200–201. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15424065.2024.2425357>

McCutcheon, Camille, Peggy Kain and Tracy Cole (2024, July 8). *Transformative Agreements: the good, the bad, and the confusing* [Conference presentation]. Southeastern Library Association, Huntsville, AL, United States.

Menzies, L., Murphy, G., Pahl, A. (2024, October 22). Will This Be Maintained? User-Centered Design for Future Us [Conference presentation]. Digital Library Federation (DLF) Virtual Symposium, Virtual.

Murphy, G., & West, P. J. (2025). Listen First, Act Second: Utilizing User Research to Enhance Our Libraries for Transgender Students. *The Proceedings of the ACRL 2025 Conference*, 211-226.

Murphy, G. (2025, April). *Preliminary Findings: Identifying Common Challenges Encountered by New Digital Preservation Practitioners and Exploring Strategies to Address Them*. Digital Preservation Coalition Americas Members Meeting, Nashville, TN, United States.

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Pahl, A. (2025). [Review of the film *The Cure for Hatred: Bearing Witness to Auschwitz*, directed by P. Hutchison]. *Educational Media Reviews Online*.

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Pahl, A. (2025). [Review of the film *Intercepted*, directed by O. Karpovych]. *Educational Media Reviews Online*. <https://emro.libraries.psu.edu/record/index.php?id=8061>

Pahl, A. (2025). [Review of the film *The Thinking Game*, directed by G. Kohs]. *Educational Media Reviews Online*. <https://emro.libraries.psu.edu/record/index.php?id=8062>

Pahl, A. (2025, July 15). AI as a Research Partner: Helping Non-Scientists Navigate STEM [Conference presentation]. STEM Librarians South Conference, Virtual.

Pahl, A. (2025, July 11). Capturing the Moment: The Joy of Digital Donations and Contemporary Collecting [Conference presentation]. The Society of Southeastern Archivists (SEAA)/ Society of Georgia Archives (SGA) Virtual Summer Symposium, Virtual.

Pahl, A. (2025, May 29). Special Topics to be Determined by Attendees [Facilitator]. ASERL Business as Usual Un-Conference, George Mason, VA, United States.

Pahl, A. (2025, March 13). AI for Libraries: Balancing Innovation and Responsibility [Conference presentation]. Library 2.025 Worldwide Virtual Conference AI & Libraries: Literacy, Ethics, and Responsible Use, Virtual. (1,085 live participants)

Pahl, A. (2024, October 22-23). How AI Tools can Enhance Efficiency and Creativity in Library Operations [Conference presentation]. 2024 Ai4Libraries Conference, Virtual.

Pahl, A. (2024, October 15-17). Unlocking Potential: How AI Enables Non-Coders to Innovate and Automate [Lightning talk]. North American Serials Interest Group, Inc. (NASIG) Autumn Virtual Conference, Virtual.

Pahl, A. (2024, September 17-18). Exploring Emerging Technologies in Archiving and Preservation: Leveraging 3D Models, Interactive Environments, and AI Tools [Conference presentation/discussion]. National Information Standards Organization (NISO) Plus Global/Online Conference, Virtual.

Pahl, A. (2025, June 19). AI in the loop: Making librarians' lives easier with AI tools [Moderate]. ELUNA 2025 Annual Meeting/Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Pahl, A. (2025, June 18). Alma Digital Working Group Update [Moderate]. ELUNA 2025 Annual Meeting/Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Pahl, A. (2025, June 18). Managing an Alma Migration Project: Mind the knowledge gaps and milestone uncertainties [Moderate]. ELUNA 2025 Annual Meeting/Conference, Atlanta, GA, United States.

Campion, C., **Lopez, R., Pahl, A.** (2024 October 25). Lunch & Learn Panel: Contemporary Collecting & Archiving [Invited speaker/Panel]. Alabama Library Association (ALLA) College, University, and Special Libraries Division (CUS) Fall Mini-Conference, Jacksonville, AL, United States.

Pardue, T., & Robertson, K. (2025, April 2-5). *Clueless to confident: Best practices for new (and nervous) academic librarians*. [Poster presentation]. Association of College and Research Libraries Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Robertson, K. (2025, February 27). *Academic Librarianship*. [Guest speaker]. The University of Alabama School of Library Science: Professional Paths Course, virtual.

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Robertson, K. (2025) [Review of the film, *Numbered*, directed by Dana Doron and Uriel Sinai]. *Educational Media Reviews Online*.

Robertson, K. & Upton, S. (2025, April 9-12). *Wading through the weeds: Reevaluating and reimagining the juvenile collection in the academic library* [Conference presentation]. Alabama Library Association Annual Convention, Guntersville, Alabama.

Stanishevskaya, I. (2025, March 7). [Review of the film *Whose Water*, produced by K. Levy]. *Educational Media Review Online*.

Stanishevskaya, I. (2024, July 3). [Review of the film *Ecosophia: Ecological Wisdom*, produced by P. C. Downey]. *Educational Media Review Online*.

Stanishevskaya, I. (2025, August 22). [Review of *The Smell of Money*, produced by Shawn Bannon and Jamie Berger]. *Educational Media Review Online*.

Stanishevskaya, I. (2025, June 29). *Unlocking archival treasures: Integrating metadata librarian expertise for greater discoverability* [Conference presentation]. American Library Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, United States.

Stanishevskaya, I. (2024, November 16). *A detailed look into e-resources metadata training, coaching, and mentoring of library staff* [Conference presentation]. Core Forum National Conference, Minneapolis, MN, United States.

Service to the Profession

Academic Preservation Trust (APTrust)

Liaison to the Governing Board, Advisory Committee

Member, Governing Board

Representative, Advisory Committee

Participant, Advisory Committee

Member, TDR Working Group

Member, Strategic Plan Working Group

Member, Research agenda Working Group

Member, Certifications Working Group

Member, Archivist Interest Group

Member, Workflows Interest Group

Alabama Academic Colleges and Research Libraries

Member, Membership Committee

Alabama Health Libraries Association

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Historical Collections



The 2024-2025 reporting year for Historical Collections saw the beginnings of several new initiatives and the relaunch of some old ones. The Division opened the Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery, with an impressive inaugural exhibition and a grand opening celebration. The Reynolds-Finley Lecture Series relaunched with five lectures, including the annual lecture. The Division grew its outreach and education efforts and significant strides were made in building, processing, and maintaining collections.

Departments

The Historical Collections Division is comprised of three departments:

- Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences
- Reynolds-Finley Historical Library
- UAB Archives

Staffing

There are eight members of the Historical Collections team: six faculty members and two professional staff.

- Assistant Dean of Historical Collections
- Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences
 - Curator
 - Collections and Gallery Manager
- Reynolds-Finley Historical Library
 - Curator
 - Digital Strategies and Metadata Librarian
- UAB Archives
 - University Archivist
 - Archivist
 - Archives Associate

Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery

After years of planning and construction, the Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery had a soft opening in July 2024, shortly before this review period. On Wednesday, August 14, 2024, an opening reception was held for UAB Libraries faculty and staff, giving colleagues a chance to explore the exhibition and share their feedback. Twenty-eight people stopped by to enjoy the first exhibition.

More than 175 people attended a Grand Opening Reception on Friday, September 20, 2024. Senior Vice Provost Michelle Robinson welcomed attendees, and Dr. Dennis G. Pappas, Sr., provided remarks. Dr. Pappas shared how he developed his interest in collecting books and artifacts on the history of medicine.

The inaugural exhibition, *Navigating Communication: Breaking Invisible Barriers*, explored hearing loss, vision loss, and the Blind, Deaf, and DeafBlind communities. Visitors were asked to explore concepts of access, diagnosis, and treatment for individuals with vision and hearing impairment. Highlights of the exhibition included the program from Helen Keller's funeral, a collection of historic hearing aids, and a 16th-century book containing an early reference to sign language. The exhibition used touch screen technology and a virtual reality station to create interactive experiences for visitors.

46 total gallery tours

525 total walk-in visitors

1,252 total visitors



Reynolds-Finley Lecture Series

The periodic Reynolds-Finley Lecture Series returned for 2024-2025 with five lectures, including the 46th Annual Reynolds-Finley Lecture. Topics included disability studies, the history of dermatology, the first Black doctor at UAB hospital, AI in medicine, and historical prosthetics.

October 22, 2024

Learning from lived experience: How to champion inclusion for people who are blind or have low vision

Arielle Silverman, PhD, American Foundation for the Blind

Attendance: 33

November 7, 2024

Plenck's Doctrina de Morbis Cutaneis: Foundation of a Specialty

Scott M. Jackson, MD, Ozark Dermatology

Attendance: 21

February 5, 2025

Knocking at the Door: The Life and Legacy of Dr. James Montgomery

Haley Wells, Alabama Holocaust Education Center

Attendance: 28

February 28, 2025

AI in Medicine: Menace or Miracle?

Rubin Pillay, MD, PhD, UAB Heersink School of Medicine

Attendance: 75 (estimated)

March 27, 2025

Engineering History: An Experimental Approach to Recovering the Lived Experience of a Sixteenth-Century Amputee

Heidi Hausse, PhD, and Chad Rose, PhD, Auburn University

Attendance: 25

5 total lectures

182 lecture attendees

36 in attendance on average at lectures

Reynolds-Finley Fellows

Historical Collections awarded two fellowships in 2024-2025.

- Blake Smith, PhD, independent scholar, received \$2,000 for his research on regional writing by gay men in the post-1945 United States. Dr. Smith studied collections in UAB Archives for two weeks in November 2024.
- Jewel Parker, PhD, Appalachian State University, received \$2,499.11 for her research on how intercultural interactions between American Indians, Africans, and Europeans changed medical practice and contributed to the development of the U.S. pharmacopeia in the South from the seventeenth through the nineteenth centuries. Dr. Parker consulted works in both the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library and the UAB Archives.



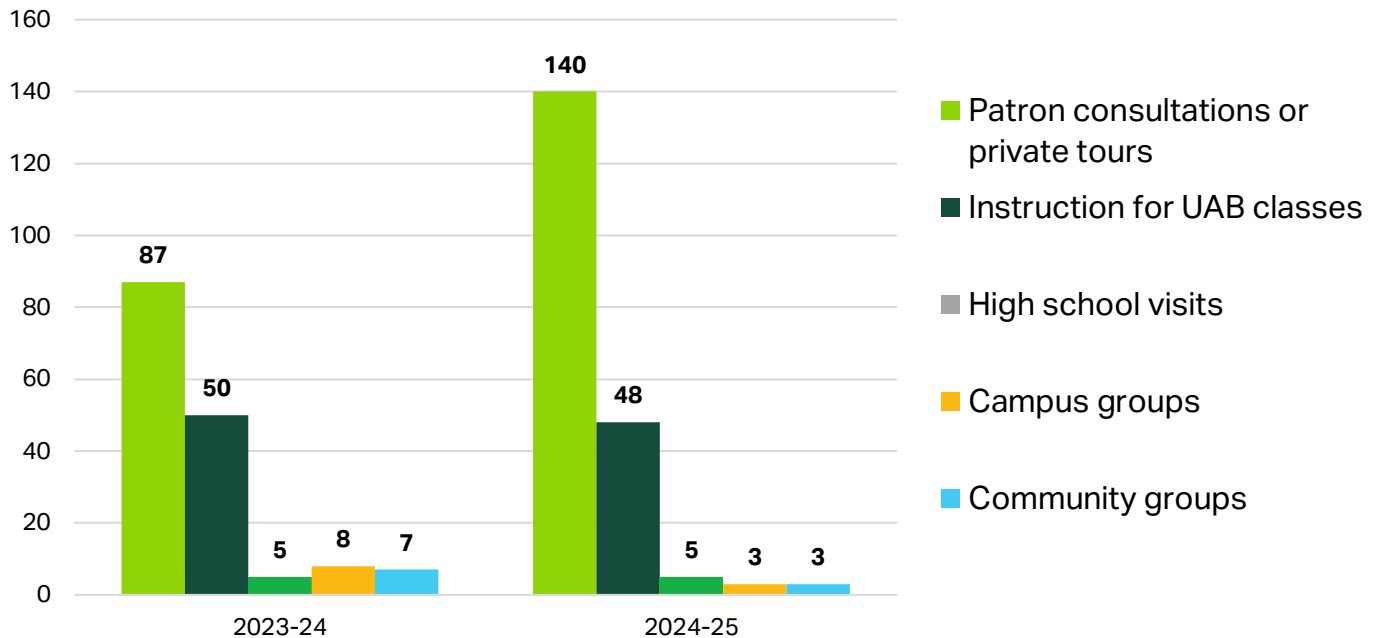
The Historical Collections team hosted 197 classes, research consultations, tours, high school groups, and campus and community groups over the reporting year, reaching 1,213 participants.

	Sessions 2023-2024	Sessions 2024-2025	Participants 2023-2024	Participants 2024-2025
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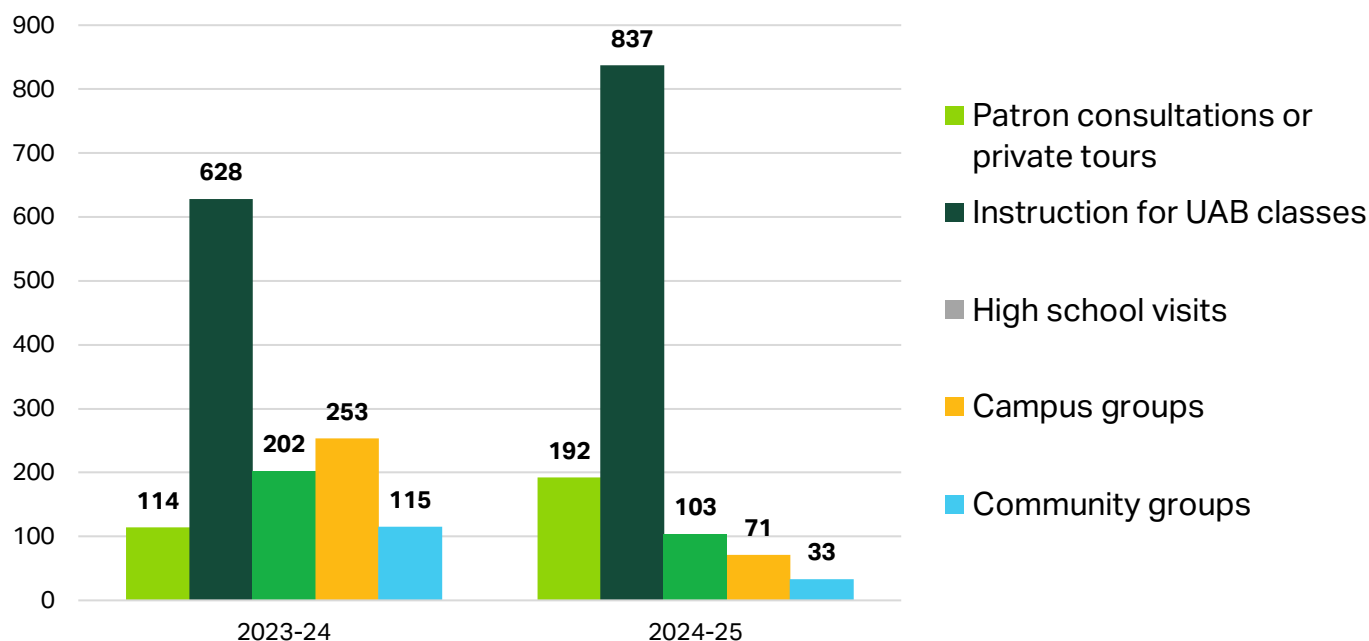
Patron Consultations or Private Tours	87	140	114	192
Instruction for UAB Classes	50	48	628	837
High School Visits	5	5	202	103
Campus Groups	8	3	253	71
Community Groups	7	3	115	33
Total	157	199	1312	1236

The Historical Collections team hosted 48 sessions for UAB classes, reaching a total of 837 students. Examples of courses that visited Historical Collections include History of the Book, Medical Anthropology, Prescribing Arts, and Nuclear Medicine. In addition to UAB classes, Historical Collections hosted students from three high school groups. The Historical Collections team was also active in providing outreach to campus and community groups. Patrons of the Birmingham Museum of Art, members of the Birmingham Historical Society, and adults with the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Birmingham Extension Center all visited Historical Collections last year. Delivering lectures on the history of UAB, hosting UAB student organizations for curated tours, and organizing workshops for students interested in careers with cultural heritage organizations are some of the ways Historical Collections interacted with the campus and community.

Year-over-year total instructional comparison



Year-over-year total tour participant comparison



Reynolds-Finley Associates Campaign and Fundraising Efforts

Partnering with the UAB Office of Advancement, an annual campaign drive for the Reynolds-Finley Associates was relaunched in summer 2024. The Office of Advancement collaborated with Historical Collections to design a new campaign brochure that was sent to more than 100 current and former members of the Friends of Reynolds-Finley Library, in addition to recent in-kind and cash donors to the Historical Collections units. The Reynolds-Finley Associates Campaign will continue to the next reporting year.

Across all funds, there were a total of 30 unique donors compared to 15 unique donors in reporting year 2023-2024. The total amount raised in 2024-2025 was slightly lower than in 2023-2024, but the total number of donors doubled.

Fund	Amount Raised 2023-2024	Amount Raised 2024-2025	Number of Donors 2024-2025
UAB Libraries Lister Hill Historical Gallery	\$8,750	\$2,750	4
Friends of Reynolds-Finley Library	\$1,100	\$4,900	19
Reynolds-Finley Historical Library Endowed Support Fund	\$5,770	\$2,500	6
Dennis G. Pappas Otolaryngology Collection Endowed Growth Fund	\$0	\$5,000	1
Total	\$15,620	\$15,150	30

Exhibitions

Navigating Communication: Breaking Invisible Barriers; exhibited in the Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery on the 2nd floor of Lister Hill Library, July 16, 2024 - present.

To the Letter: A History of the Printing Press; exhibited on the 3rd floor of Mervyn H. Sterne Library and featuring the Chandler & Price Printing Press on location, February 2024 – September 2025.

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Department Updates

Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences

- Continued to reach out across campus to incorporate tours into course curriculums.
 - New academic departments include Criminal Justice, Optometry, and Sociology
 - New support departments include Research and Safety Committee, Advancement, and Disability Support Services
 - Offered a new training workshop for professors to learn how to incorporate tours into their curriculum with the Center for Teaching and Learning
 - Community tours included the Alabama Institute for Deaf and Blind Birmingham Chapter and summer camps, such as the Ada Long Creative Writing Workshop
 - Worked with the School of Medicine, AEIVA, and Department of Dermatology to start a professional development day for their residents.
- Renumbered the entire permanent collection
 - Each object in a museum collection has a unique number. Ideally, this number should not only identify the object but should also connect the object to its donation and related objects. Our previous numbering system only accomplished the former; we could not identify the object's donor without using our database, and objects that were part of another object (for example, a syringe from a doctor's bag) had entirely separate numbers, sometimes thousands apart. Our new numbering system allows us to know each object's basic information simply by looking at it, thus improving the collection's everyday accessibility and its durability in the event of a disaster.
- Presented at conferences on exhibition development practices and exhibition strategies between museum and library entities.
- Contributed to display cases in the third-floor lobby
- Installed stand-alone display cases of microscopes and scales on the second floor

- Developed core museum documents, including a disaster plan and collections management policy
- Implemented new consistency guidelines in our collections database
- Began collaboration with Digital Services Department in object photography
- Digitized the museum's original accession books, which were used from the 1940s until the 1980s
- Developed gallery guide documents and their training
 - Student gallery guides are now giving tours
- Managed the first exhibition in the Pappas Gallery
- Developed and designed the second exhibition in Pappas Gallery, *Health in the Time of Marcel Proust*

15,822 objects in the collection

42 objects added in past year

Reynolds-Finely Historical Library (RFHL)

Collection Development and Care:

The Reynolds-Finely Historical Library currently contains **24,400** books, manuscripts, pamphlets, journals, and related materials pertaining to the history of medicine, science, and health care dating back to the 1300s.

This year, RFHL acquired 7 rare items through purchase from rare booksellers to enhance the Marcel Proust exhibition in the Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery, as well as Reynolds-Finely classes and tours. Additionally, 153 items were acquired through donation from 10 individual donors.

Donation Highlight: The Luketic Map Collection



RFHL received a donation of **8 antique maps** featuring Southeastern Europe, and particularly the Balkans region, Danube River, and the Adriatic Sea coast, from Dr. Davor Luketic, a Birmingham area Diagnostic Radiologist. The maps mostly date to the 17th century, but the collection also includes one 16th century map created by the renowned Flemish cartographer, Gerardus Mercator (1512-1594), and an English admiralty map from the 19th century. A rare 1618-1619 printing of an ancient Roman road map is also part of the donation.

In 1990, Dr. Gorazd C. Luketic, Professor in the Division of Gastroenterology at UAB, donated 6 maps from his personal cartographic collection to the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library. This year's donation from his son, Dr. Davor Luketic, supplements the original collection which is currently displayed on the wall in the Historical Collections department.

Digital Strategy and Metadata Librarian, Anna Kaetz, has expanded RFHL cataloging to include cartography, and 5 of the maps have been cataloged. Curator, Peggy Balch, has already utilized the ancient Roman road map in a Spring semester Roman History class.

Instruction and Reference:

- Presented **40 Instructional Sessions to 591 Students**; below are the numbers for specific categories:
 - 26 UAB Class sessions presented to 399 students.
 - 4 Non-UAB Outreach Group Tours presented to 89 students.
 - 10 UAB Group Tours/Workshops presented to 103 students.
- Provided **79 Research Consultations for 103 Students**.
 - This is an increase of more than three times last year's 26 consultations.
- Researched and answered **41 Reference & Service Requests**, in addition to those answered during research consultations.
 - Total Reference/Consultations: **120 Transactions to 144 Students**

Instruction Highlight: History of the Book

RFHL faculty worked intensively with Jill Clements' EH 426/526 History of the Book class in the fall semester of 2024. The class visited Reynolds-Finley four times to learn about the development of book materiality through examples in the collection. The experience was hands-on as the students interacted with the rare books. Additionally, RFHL faculty provided access to materials for student research projects during individual consultations.

During an additional class session, Peggy Balch presented at Sterne Library on the development of the printing press, with special focus on the 1885 Chandler & Price press located on the 3rd floor. Makeshift materials were utilized to get the press running. Anna and Peggy demonstrated use of the press, and the students were able to make bookmarks in another hands-on learning experience.

Instruction Highlight: Engineering Design Project on Printing Press Restoration

The printing press class for History of the Book prompted conversations with Engineering Liaison, Ashley McGuire, about a restoration project for engineering students. As a result, Ashley, Peggy, and Anna provided ongoing consultation to a group of 6 students in Dr. Timothy Wick's EGR 317 Engineering Design Project class focused on the Chandler & Price Printing Press restoration in the spring semester of 2025. The students were able to restore the press to 75% functionality, and the project has been proposed for continuation by a Senior Design Project for fall 2025.

Internships:

- Provided instruction and supervision to 2 Historical Collections Interns
- Instructed and supervised volunteer, Emerson Cutliffe, a UAB Biomedical Engineering student, in the summer and early fall of 2024
- Hired English graduate student, Clay Birchfield, as a student worker for RFHL in May 2025

Digitization:

During the report year, a total of **275 items were digitized** from the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library.

Some digital collection updates include:

- Incunabula Collection
 - All 31 items have been digitized and uploaded to the digital collection
- Mid-East Medical Collection
 - 12 were digitized in the last year
 - Currently 21 items have been digitized and uploaded to the digital collection
- Historical Collections of the UAB Libraries
 - 3 items have been digitized
- RFHL Print Collection (still in progress and unpublished)
 - Estimated 241 items have been digitized

Digitization Highlight: Digital Library of the Middle East Collaboration

RFHL is collaborating with the Digital Library of the Middle East, a platform hosted by Stanford University and the Council on Library and Information Resources that brings together digitized materials of cultural importance to the Middle East and North Africa. Digitized items from the Middle East Medical Collection in RFHL are being uploaded to the DLME site as they become available. There are currently **16 RFHL items featured on the DLME site.**

As a result of this collaboration, this collection is reaching wider audiences, including receiving attention from *Nouvelles Chroniques du manuscrit au Yémen* 20 (April 2024), an international journal that features important and rare middle eastern texts. Anna Kaetz coauthored a collection feature for this publication.

Displays and Exhibits:

(All required development or maintenance in the report year.)

Health in the Time of Marcel Proust; exhibited in the Pappas Historical Collections Gallery on the 2nd floor of Lister Hill Library, August 26, 2025 - present

Navigating Communication: Breaking Invisible Barriers; exhibited in the Pappas Historical Collections Gallery on the 2nd floor of Lister Hill Library, July 16, 2024 – July 31, 2025

Juneteenth Display, Mervyn H. Sterne Library 1st floor, June-August 2024

To the Letter: A History of the Printing Press; exhibited in Mervyn H. Sterne Library and featuring the Chandler & Price Printing Press, February 12, 2024 – July 16, 2025 (moved to the 1st floor of Sterne in January 2025).

Florence Nightingale Display of Books and Artifacts from Reynolds-Finley Historical Library, Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, and UAB School of Nursing Archives, on exhibit at the UAB School of Nursing Scholars Gallery, September 11, 2019 – present (required maintenance and replacement of items for preservation purposes)

Historical Collections departmental lecture and promotional displays, third floor foyer case:

- Dermatology display in promotion of Scott Jackson's lecture (Featured recent RFHL acquisition of the German translation of Plenck's book.)
- Dr. James Montgomery display, first African American physician at UAB, in promotion of Haley Wells' lecture
- Prosthetics and amputation display, for the lecture by Heidi Hausse and Chad Rose
- Tuberculosis display, in promotion of John Green's lecture

Tabling/Promotional Events:

ASERL Technology Immersion Bootcamp

- This was a conference hosted at UAB Libraries in August 2024
- A tour of the HC gallery and technology was included in the conference program
- Anna Kaetz co-presented a session with Kevin Hebert and Patrick Boggs
- Anna moderated two sessions during the conference

Medical Alumni Association weekend

- Assembled an exhibit table featuring various technologies used in Historical Collections and/or promotional materials
- Featured digitized Historical Collections content
- Included a preview video of the Dennis G. Pappas Gallery virtual tour

24,400 items in the collection

160 items added in past year

UAB Archives

UAB Archives is the official archival repository for the university and documents in all areas related to UAB; it also houses manuscript collections in the health sciences, the social sciences, and the humanities.

Reference use of collections

Hosted 78 consultations/patron research visits (up from 52 prior year report)

Hosted 2 Reynolds-Finley Fellows

Blake Smith

Jewel Parker (combined with Reynolds-Finley Library)

Supplied archival images and/or material for internal UAB needs including:

Office of the Provost, Office of the Board Liaison, UAB Development Office, Heersink SOM Development Office, UAB Health Systems Marketing & Communications Office, UAB Medical Alumni Office, & Office of Branding & Marketing, College of Arts and Sciences, School of Dentistry, School of Engineering, Graduate School, Heersink School of Medicine, & School of Nursing, African American Studies Program (anniversary celebrations), Department of Microbiology (web history), Department of Radiation Oncology, & UAB Athletics Office. UAB social media accounts, including UAB Libraries, UAB Historical, and general UAB, UAB campus publications, including UAB Libraries newsletter, School of Dentistry student newsletter, & *e-Reporter*

Supplied archival images for publications:

Avi Gajjar (NeurosurgGen, Inc.) – medical journal article

Dr. William Holman (UAB) – two medical journal articles

Supplied archival images for external exhibitions/web display:

Brooklyn Public Library, May 2024

Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, May 2024

Network of Alabama Academic Libraries, June 2024

Negro Southern League Museum, July 2024

Vulcan Park Museum, December 2024

Class instruction/presentations

Honors College 118, Queer Cinema – September 2024

English 203, Writing in Birmingham (CAC) – September 2024

English 426, History of the Book – November 2024

English 203, Writing in Birmingham (CAC) – January 2025

History 200, Work and Labor in BHM (CAC) – January 2025

History 200, Civic Engagement in BHM (CAC) – January 2025

English 102, Sustainability in Birmingham (CAC) – February 2025

World Languages 485, Capstone – March 2025

History 200, Work and Labor in BHM (CAC) – April 2025

Class instruction/presentations (with colleagues in Historical Collections)

History 200, Southern Diseases – September 2024 (2 meetings)

History 481, Public History – September 2024 (2 meetings)

Museums Workshop – October 2024

Education 765, Proseminar – March 2025

Nursing, Nurse Midwifery – June 2024

Department/Collection Tours (with colleagues in Historical Collections)

Early Medical Student Acceptance Program (EMSAP) – August 2024

ASERL Tech Bootcamp – August 2024

Jefferson County Historical Society – November 2024

HSOM Development Tour – January 2025

BHAM Museum of Art Supporters Tour – March 2025

UAB Development Tour – April 2025

High School Tours (with colleagues in Historical Collections)

Fultondale – December 2024

Good Hope – February 2025

Tarrant – April 2025

Displays of archival material

Third floor lobby case (combined Historical Collections department)

UAB Homecoming, August – November 2024

Dermatology, November 2024 – January 2025

Dr. James T. Montgomery, January – February 2025

Prosthetics, March – April 2025

Lister Hill first floor and third floor

Three Archives cases on third floor (BHM history, McCallum, and Pugh), August 2024 – present

Presidential Items from UAB Archives, August – November 2024

Holiday Items from UAB Archives, December 2024

University Hospital Auxiliary, January – April 2025

Tuberculosis Display, July 2024

Collections processed

9 collections, 4 university and 5 manuscripts, processed and made available for a total of 30 cubic feet of material. These new collections include more than 2,900 photographs.

Theatre Department Administrative Records (Series 50.1)

Theatre Department Photographs (Series P50.2)

Theatre Department Programs and Playbills (Series 50.3)

Theatre Department Posters (Series 50.4)
Opera Birmingham Records (MC137)
Opera Birmingham Photographs (PMC137)
Walter McCoy Papers (MC138)
Walter McCoy Photographs (PMC138)
Kamal Yackzan Papers (MC139)

Accessions of collections and material

Handled transfer or retrieval for all incoming collections, working with originating office or individual to get material into archives, including some on-site pickup of material.

15 accessions of material this year, 9 university and 6 manuscripts, mostly smaller collections but for a total for the reporting cycle of approximately 36 cubic feet – this does *not* include donations to the various Cather Collections noted separately below.

University Records

- Black Student Awareness Committee (Student Affairs Office)
- Engineering and Innovative Technology Development Collection
- Facilities Office
- Reynolds Library Administrative Records
- School of Engineering Photographs
- School of Nursing Alumni (additions)
- WBHM (additions)

Manuscript Collections

- William C. Carter (additions)
- John Garrison Collection
- F. C. Kinney Collection
- Tennant McWilliams Papers
- Janie Roberson Papers
- A.J. Wright Papers

Cather Collections

Five retrieval trips to the home of the donor (May 2024, August 2024, October 2024, November 2024, and March 2025). Returned with over 150 boxes of material, including monographs and serials as well as various archival material for the numerous discrete collections (see below) also being donated in addition to the Bo Brown Memorial Gay and Lesbian Collection.

With archives team, conducted initial sorting of the various Cather collections into the various print or archival collections.

Bo Brown Memorial Gay & Lesbian Collection (cataloged)

Total titles	7,750
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Live Theatre	666
Yaoi	371
Pulp Fiction & Paperbacks	380

In addition to the Bo Brown published monographs and serials, the donor has also given many, many published titles not related to the LGBTQ communities. These printed works are presently sorted into three subject areas and are awaiting future cataloging:

Alabama and Birmingham History

Cather Family and Cather Publishing – books owned by the donor, by members of the donor’s family, or books/pamphlets printed by the family’s publishing company

High Society and Prominent Families (Ala., chiefly BHM related)

Most of the various archival donations now have preliminary inventories or box listings. There are at present more than a dozen discrete sub-collections within the overall Cather donation of archival and manuscript material

Bo Brown LGBTQ Collection

National Material

Live Theatre

Vernacular Photographs

Board Games

CDs-Audio Cassettes

DVDs-VHS

Brown Personal Papers

Cather Family Papers

Cather Jazz and Music Collection

Cather Publishing Company Records

Cather Personal Papers

Cather Personal LGBTQ Papers

Cather UAB Collection

High Society and Prominent Family Collections

Schwartz Personal Papers

Digital Collections

We digitized around 1,028 items for the archives.

Planned and initiated digital collection projects with archives team and supplied metadata to DDS for inclusion for the additions to the three existing collections.

Archives team completed departmental work for one new collection:

UAB Commencement Programs 1970-2019 – April 2025

Archives team completed departmental work on additions to three existing collections:

Carter Collection – summer 2024

Proust Letters – summer 2024

Civil War Collection – March 2025

Archives team initiated departmental work for a new collection (project ongoing):

World War I Collection – started April 2025

Work continues on two archives scanning projects:

UAB Reporter – scanning completed October 2024

Kaleidoscope newspapers.

303 university records

209 manuscript collections

Published Scholarship and Creative Activities

Balch, P. (2025, March 14) *The Flying Emergency Room: Taking Ambulances to the Skies* [Conference Session]. Joint Meeting of the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science and the Eleanor Crowder Bjoring Center for Nursing Historical Inquiry (ECBCNHI) 6th Agnes Dillon Randolph International Nursing History Conference, University of Virginia School of Nursing, Charlottesville, Virginia.

Balch, P. and Carraway, R. *A Photographic History of the Carraway Life Saver Air Ambulance Service* [Book Project in Progress].

Balch, P., Hogan, C., **Kaetz, A.**, and Sheffield, S.; moderated by Ellen Wilson and Megan Bell. (2025, April 23) *From Staff to Faculty: Navigating the Path from Library Staff to Faculty* [Invited Panel]. Alabama Association of College and Research Libraries (AACRL) Annual Meeting, Online.

Boggs, P., Hebert, K., & **Kaetz, A.** (2024, August 8). *Supporting the Campus in New Ways: Building an Emerging Technology Program at UAB Libraries*. [Conference session]. Association of Southeastern Research Libraries Technology Immersion Bootcamp, Birmingham, AL, United States.

Byrd, J. (2024, October 25). "Improving Asynchronous Instruction: Libraries, Educational Technology, and the TPCK Framework" [Conference session]. Alabama Library Association College and University Section Mini-Conference, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL.

Byrd, J., McClellan, C., and Sykes, E. (2025). "Collaborative Exhibiting: The Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery at UAB Libraries." Presentation at the Association of Academic Museums and Galleries, Albuquerque, NM.

Byrd, J., McClellan, C., and Sykes, E. (2025). "Collaborative Exhibiting: The Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery at UAB Libraries." Presentation at the Librarians, Archivists, and Museum Professionals in the History of Health Sciences Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

Byrd, J., Pahl, A., Champion, C.O, and **Lopez, R.J.** (2024, October 25). "Lunch & Learn Panel: Contemporary Collecting & Archiving" [Conference session]. Alabama Library Association College and University Section Mini-Conference, Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, AL.

Ifill, A., Brown, K., and **Byrd, J.** (May 29, 2025). "Panel Discussion: Advancement, Fundraising, and Special Collections" [Conference session]. Association of Southeastern Research Libraries Business as Usual? Special Collections as a Microcosm of the World, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Kaetz, A. (2025, January 15). *UAB Libraries Historical Collections: Highlights, Services and Community Engagement.* [Presentation]. UAB Medical Alumni Association Webinar Series, Online.

Kaetz, A. and Regourd, A. (January 2025). "A Collection Feature." *Nouvelles Chroniques du manuscrit au Yémen*, no. 20 (39).

Norris, L-M., Henehan, S., and **Byrd, J.** (October 28, 2024). "Co-Curricular Assessment: A Blueprint" [Conference session]. Assessment Institute, Indiana University in Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN.

Smith, K., and **Byrd, J.** (May 29, 2025). "Connecting Special Collections with the Institution" [Conference session]. Association of Southeastern Research Libraries Business as Usual? Special Collections as a Microcosm of the World, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA.

Notable Service

Academic Preservation Trust

Archivists Interest Group

Alabama Library Association, College, and University Section

Executive Committee

Member-at-Large for Organization & Bylaws

Chair-Elect

American Library Association, Core: Leadership, Infrastructures, Futures

Emerging Tech Trends Committee

Children's Art Guild

Assistant Treasurer

Collat Jewish Family Services

Board of Directors

Commission on the Status of Professional Success, UAB

Chair

Conference on Academic Library Management
Logistics Committee Member
Digital Library Federation
DLF Forum Program Committee
Information Technology and Libraries Journal
Editorial Board
Peer reviewer
Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, UAB
Alternate Member
Journal of the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science
Editorial Board
Levite Jewish Community Center Junior Board
Vice President
Network of Alabama Academic Libraries (NAAL)
Digital Content Committee
Chair Elect for 2024-2025
Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science
Webmaster
Board member
Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association
Co-Archivist
SC/MLA Executive Board
Society of Alabama Archivists
Secretary

User Access



The User Access department oversees many of the functions that are critical to the daily operations of the academic library, serving as the bridge between users and the library's resources. With a focus on facilitating access to our collections, spaces and services, the User Access team helps make UAB Libraries functional, user-friendly and equitable.

Collections

Each year User Access handles tens of thousands of items designed to help students faculty, staff and community members use the rich resources of the libraries. From books to technology and study room keys and much more, this team oversees the circulation of these materials, the upkeep, the transfer between facilities, the storage and organization and much more.

This year we loaned almost 15,000 print materials, including books, journals, and media, an increase of almost 50 percent from last year. The many textbooks that we recently purchased for our course reserves program and our expanded leisure reading collections have added to the popularity and utility of our materials.

The borrowing of technology items, ranging from week-long laptop loans to chargers, headphones, calculators and more, is also a popular service that we provide. This year we loaned 21,000 pieces of equipment (*not including room keys, FYI*). The laptops and iPads in particular are key to student success, research shows, and their usage continues to grow.

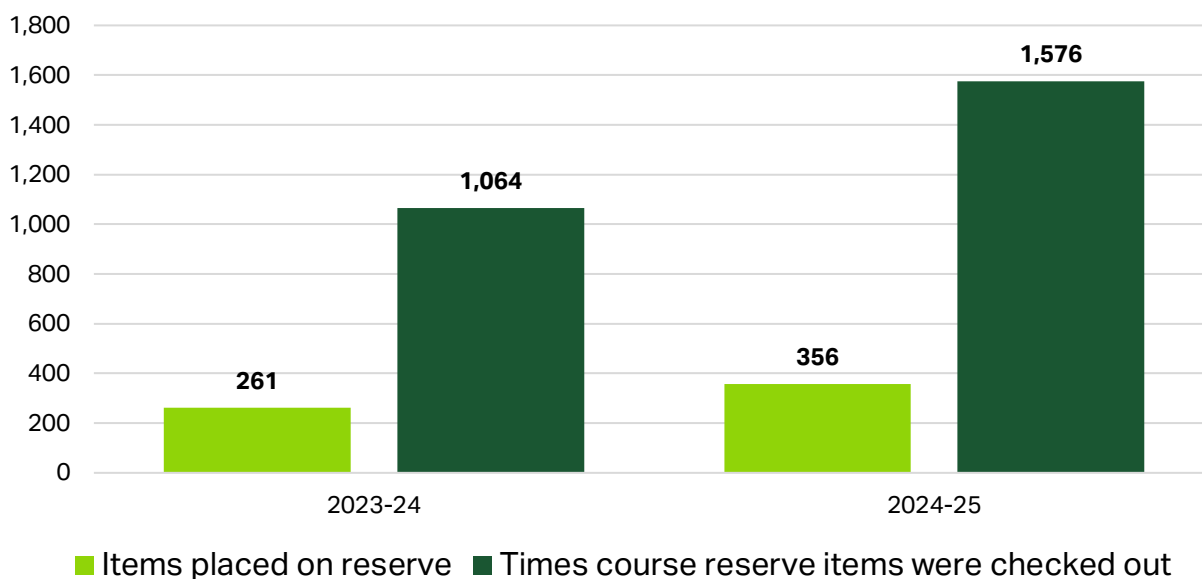
We have also moved a great deal of print materials this year, not just for student and faculty use, but to make room for museum collections that were in need of a permanent home. We relocated thousands of bound health sciences journals from the Lister Hill Library to our remote storage facility; they will then be interfiled in that location in order to allow for easy access by users.

Course Reserves

The Libraries' Course Reserves service provides free, time-limited access to course-related physical, electronic, and media resources to a large number of students from the HUB desks. Items can come from the Libraries' collection or they can be faculty-owned resources that they place at the library for their students' use. The library manages these materials, freeing the teaching faculty to focus more on their classes and research. Students, meanwhile, get access to these materials anytime the library is open. Items on reserve can be quite diverse, from books and music scores to sky monitors for astronomy, and replica bones for anatomy. This service allows for cost savings and the mentioned access for students, faculty benefits in time and service, and helps continue to keep library services relevant and appreciated in campus communities.

In partnership with the UAB Bookstore, as a part of our Affordable Instructional Materials initiative, the Libraries identify textbooks that are a part of our collection and set them as reserve items that

Year-over-year course reserves comparison



students can checkout for short term use to maximize usage over large classes. These items were checked out more than 1500 times in the past year, a 48% increase over previous years."

Spaces

The Libraries are open more than 7,000 hours each year in order to provide support to the campus community. The buildings provide a welcoming, inclusive and valued third place on campus where students come to study, socialize and learn.

One particularly popular space we offer is study rooms, both group and single-use spaces, in both libraries. This year 7,300 unique users booked the spaces almost 35,000 times. Whether taking an exam, studying with friends or watching a film for a class, these spaces are in high demand. The rooms, also available to alumni, are a key resource to the student body—and one we hope to expand in the coming years.



Sterne Library also offers one private meeting space for students, postdocs, faculty, and staff to utilize for online interviews, Telehealth appointments, presentations, and virtual appointments. The Virtual Meeting Room allows for greater utility for these functions than our normal single study

rooms which are not as private. A total of 619 bookings were made in the past year, with 387 of those being unique users.

A new space in the library is our sensory room, which was built in summer 2025 in collaboration with the Department of Disability Services and Student Affairs. The purpose of the space is to provide a controlled, safe, and therapeutic environment where individuals can manage sensory overload, regulate their emotions, improve focus, and develop coping skills for real-world situations. Located on the third floor of Sterne, the space is designed to serve neurodiverse students—or any others who need a calming environment; it is outfitted with various furnishings and supplies designed to positively engage the senses to reduce stress.

Facilities Oversight

A key aspect of User Access operations is overseeing the 194,000 square feet of space that make up UAB Libraries. This involves assessing the condition of the buildings for safety issues, managing facility problems and supervising regular maintenance activities. Last year we submitted almost 800 tickets to our colleagues in Facilities to this end.

Notably, in the past year we managed major upgrades to our three aging buildings. In the past year we oversaw the replacement of two main elevators in Sterne, a many months-long process that involved a great deal of collaboration with UAB Facilities personnel and contractors to keep access to the upper floors of the building possible. We also oversaw the installation of new carpeting in Sterne Library in May 2025, a welcome facelift for the main floor of the busy facility. This project meant closing study spaces, moving collections and managing foot traffic for many weeks to ensure a successful completion of the installation while the library continued operations.

Lastly, in order to modernize the aesthetics of the second floor of Lister Hill, we oversaw the painting of interior walls and replaced all public signage in this area to complement the new gallery there. The upgrades make this treasured, quiet space even more welcoming and appealing and navigable.

Information Services

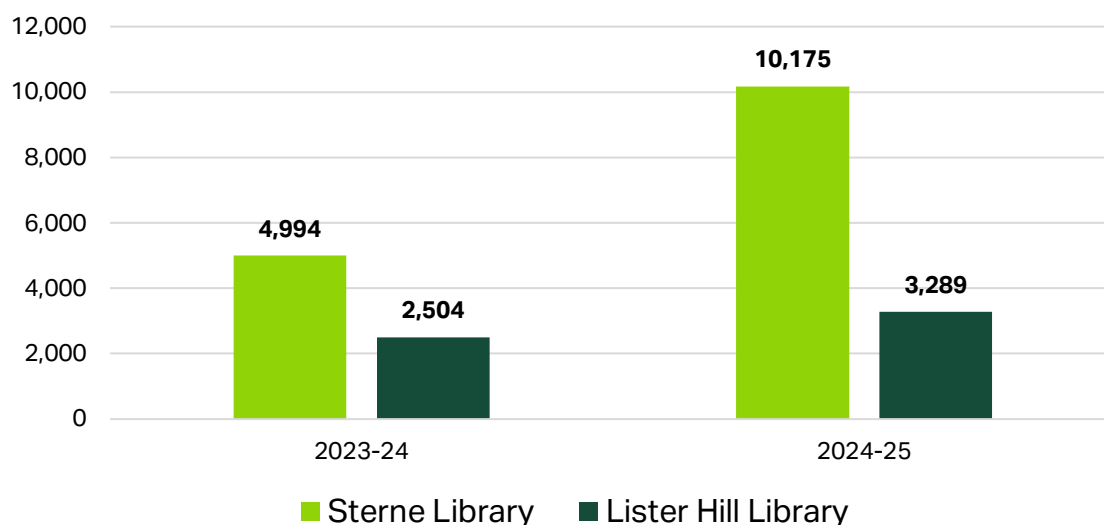
One of the primary functions of the User Access team is service. The frontline staff provide a bevy of information services from the HUB desk, also known as the information desk, in both libraries. Here, in addition to checking out books, technology, whiteboards, and other supplies, thousands of questions are answered each year in person and over the phone as a well-rounded partner service to the many questions received via chat by reference librarians. The User Access team helps locate resources, gives directions, troubleshoots equipment, and much more. This year, we answered more than 13,000 questions, an increase in HUB desk questions of approximately 75 percent.

104% increase in inquiries answered at Sterne HUB Desk
(4,994 → 10,175)

31% increase in inquiries answered at Lister Hill HUB Desk
(2,504 → 3,289)

36% increase in total inquiries answered (10,030 → 13,680)

Year-over-year total information/reference inquiries

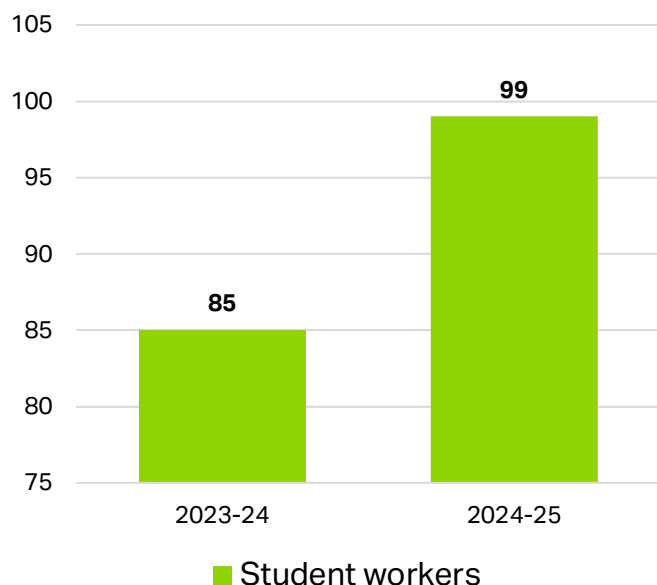


The Libraries as Employer

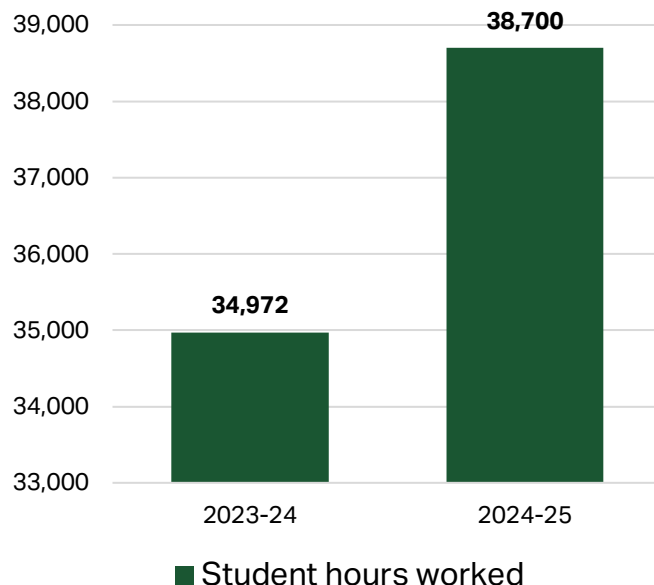
In addition to a committed group of faculty and staff, the Libraries employ dozens of students each year. The Libraries are one of the largest employers of students on the UAB campus, logging more than 38,000 student hours. Many serve at the HUB desks, while others maintain the book collection, loan technology from the tech labs, or assist with interlibrary loan. All student employees provide perspectives and experiences that improve our operations, and their employment contributes to campus-wide student success metrics. Student employment is also an extension of our educational mission—helping student employees develop skills needed for workplace readiness and fostering a lifelong growth mindset.

We employ undergraduate, graduate and many international students, as well as many work-study eligible students. Periodically we even have some of these go on to pursue careers in librarianship.

Year-over-year student worker comparison



Year-over-year hours worked comparison



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Lister Hill Library at University Hospital



The Clinical Services Department is located inside University Hospital in the Graduate Medical Education Wellness Center. This branch of Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences is staffed by two faculty librarians and a User Access Associate. We provide support to the entire UAB clinical enterprise including physicians, nurses, various allied health professionals, and hospital administrators. We work in close partnership with Graduate Medical Education (GME) to support the information needs, education, and wellness of over 1,100 UAB residents and fellows, one of the largest training programs in the country.

Lister Hill Library at University Hospital reopened within the new GME Wellness Center in the summer of 2024. The first year in this new space has brought many exciting new opportunities. Increased foot traffic led to many serendipitous conversations and collaborations with residents

and their faculty mentors on clinical research projects, systematic reviews, and support for medical education through instruction and resources. Highlights from the last year include:

Participation in Surgical Residency Orientation:

LHL@UH staff helped with a new surgical resident event, geared at teaching incoming residents how to prepare for a surgical case. Using real cases, we organized print and electronic resources and worked with residents to identify key background information about their cases before they met with attending physicians to review.



Support for Resident and Fellow Wellness:

As part of our new partnership with GME, we manage the new Wellness Space for UAB residents and fellows. We reserve meeting spaces for residents interviewing for fellowship positions, provide access to a classroom for board review and didactics, and manage the physical space including the gym and kitchenette, communicating with everyone from the hospital linen service to catering. In the first year, we provided space for 77 interviews, research meetings, and educational sessions.

We also participated in the GME Wellness Council to identify how we could better support UAB residents and fellows through expansion of benefits and services.

Reference & Instruction:

We continued our Clinical Resource Guides project, in support of resident education, publishing five new guides in partnership with Internal Medicine, Neurology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Pathology, and Pediatrics.

We continued to support systematic review and literature review services, this year participating in 17 new projects. We also added a full text support service for clinical users, uploading full text to over 1,300 PDFs to 17 evidence synthesis projects.

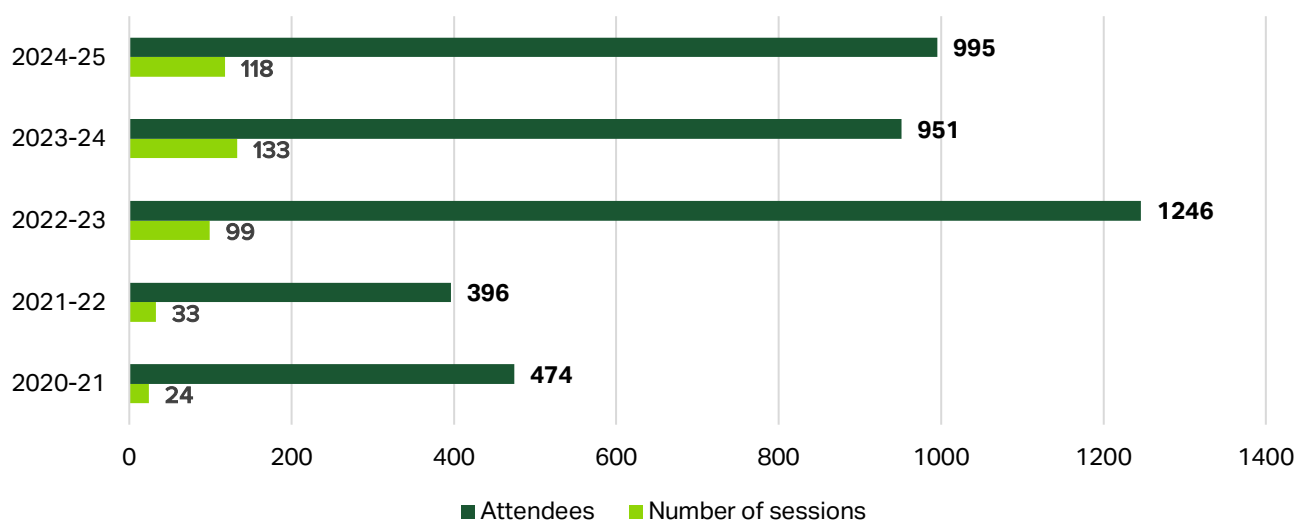
Throughout the year, we maintained our Table of Contents Service, distributing more than 42,955 up-to-date table of contents links to clinical providers.

	sessions	total length (hours)	attendees
Consultations	91	72.25	159
Instruction	32	24	836
Total Instruction	118	99	995

Reference Questions	146
Consultations (unscheduled)	13
Directional	66
Virtual Reference	246
via chat	189
Virtual Consultation (unscheduled)	3
via chat	3
Point of Use Technology	4
Mediated Literature Searches	139

600 reference inquiries answered
139 mediated literature searches conducted

Year-over-year total instructional comparison



Clinical LibGuides

Guide Name	Total guide visits August 2024-July 2025
Center for Nursing Excellence	580
Clinical Table of Contents Service	313
Educational Resources for Residents and Fellows	843
Interprofessional Scholars Program (published September, 2024)	116
UAB Dermatology	94
UAB Internal Medicine (published June, 2025)	140
UAB Neurology (published October, 2024)	207
UAB OBGYN	357
UAB Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery (published May, 2025)	191
UAB Orthopaedics	218
UAB Pathology (published January, 2025)	686
UAB Pediatrics (published September, 2024)	375
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UAB Selma Family Medicine	278
UAB Surgery	1,169

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Baird LJ, O'Hagan EC. Transforming knowledge spaces: renovating a hospital library into a wellness space. Poster presented at: Annual Meeting of the Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association; October 29, 2024; Charleston, SC.

Sparks Medical Library at UAB Huntsville Regional Medical Campus



The Sparks Medical Library provides access to the highest-quality medical information for its users. Located on the third floor of the UAB Huntsville Regional Medical Campus, Sparks Library offers an attractive and comfortable space for students and residents to work, study, and socialize. Non-UAB- affiliated health professionals, students from other colleges and universities, and others from the North Alabama area also may utilize the library's in-house resources.

Research, Instruction, and Scholarly Communication

Instruction

Sparks Library faculty performs on-demand one-shot instruction sessions for Dean's Conference and didactic sessions on campus.

During the reporting period, faculty led a total of 3 instruction sessions with a total of 102 students or participants.

102 attendees to instructional sessions

541 questions fielded

21 literature searches performed

Chat Services

Sparks Library staff participates in a weekly chat shift, with 41 chats answered last academic year. 97.5% percent of the chat questions answered were reference or research in nature, while the remaining 2.5% were informational.

All reference questions received through the ticketing system were answered during the reporting period.

Reference Services

In the last academic year, Sparks staff answered 541 questions, with 329 answered at the reference desk.

329 inquiries answered at the Sparks Reference Desk

541 total inquiries answered

Research Guides

Library faculty and staff curate a significant collection of research guides. Known as LibGuides, these include course guides, which help students begin research for class assignments, and subject guides, which help users find resources for specific programs or fields of research. In the past academic year, 4 published guides from Sparks Library were viewed 3,221 times.

Expert Searching

Sparks Library provides expert literature searching assistance for UAB Huntsville faculty, residents, fellows, staff, and graduate students.

21 requests for expert literature searches

Digital Commons Institutional Repository

UAB Libraries provide scholarly repository services through digital institutional repository UAB Digital Commons, launched in 2023. Digital Commons provides open global access to UAB scholarship, including journal articles, theses, dissertations, student creative and scholarly work, conference papers, and more.

During the reporting period, Sparks Library faculty created a repository for UAB Huntsville Research Day posters titled UABH Research Day. To date, there are 448 items in the repository.

Collection Management Services

128 new titles were added to the Sparks Library book inventory in the last calendar year. In addition, a new collection was created for the inaugural Psychiatry Residency class.

User Access

Circulation

The loan count in Sparks Library in the last calendar year is 1,183 items checked out.

Virtual Reality Space

The Virtual Reality Space in the Sparks Medical Library is available to all students, faculty, and staff at the UAB Huntsville Regional Medical Campus. The goal of this space is to provide supplemental clinical education as well as entertainment and stress relief for students.

The space is equipped with Meta Quest 2 and Vive Focus 3 VR headsets, along with a Smart TV to enable casting. Currently, our clinical education programs are 3D Organon, Health Scholars, and Mindscape Commons, and our entertainment apps include Beat Saber, Marvel's Iron Man, Walkabout Mini Golf, The Climb 2, Ultrawings 2, and others.



Two visitors take advantage of virtual reality technology at the Sparks Medical Library.