2.9 Learning Resources and Services

2.9 The institution, through ownership or formal arrangements or agreements, provides and supports student and faculty access and user privileges to adequate library collections and services and to other learning/information resources consistent with the degrees offered. Collections, resources, and services are sufficient to support all its educational, research, and public service programs.

Judgment of Compliance

In Compliance

Narrative

Multiple systems on The University of Alabama’s (UA) Tuscaloosa campus comprise UA Libraries and support student and faculty access and user privileges to library collections and services, both on campus and off campus. UA Libraries provide collections, resources, and services that are sufficient to support the University’s mission “To advance the intellectual and social condition of the people of the State, the nation, and the world through the creation, translation, and dissemination of knowledge with an emphasis on quality programs of teaching, research, and service.” UA’s library resources are consistent with the baccalaureate, master, and doctoral degrees offered, support the research initiatives of faculty and students, and serve the informational needs other constituencies through public access and special collections. Additionally, UA Libraries responds to evolving technological needs and changes to serve faculty and students. The mission and core functions of UA Libraries further support the University's mission, vision, and goals:

- by anticipating library information, technology, and service requirements;
- by providing timely access to needed resources;
- by responding to changing user needs; and
- by promoting effective use of information by students, faculty, and staff.

UA Libraries strives for excellence in service, instruction, and building collections and seeks new and better ways of serving the academic community through identified core functions: [II]

- Support the academic mission of the university through strong collections and services.
- Provide 24/7 access to digital resources.
- Provide access to unique collections through special collections and digital collections.
- Provide instruction for research and use of resources. Demonstrate excellent stewardship of financial resources to provide access to information resources.
- Provide a variety of spaces for individual and group study.
- Provide 24/5 access in Rodgers Library during the academic year and 24/7 access in Rodgers and Gorgas Libraries during study week and final exams.
- Collaborate with other units on campus to promote research skills and strategies.
- Provide access to academic software and technology to support the academic mission.

UA Libraries consists of five libraries that serve the campus as a whole. [2] The Dean of Libraries and four Associate Deans administer the five libraries:

- Gorgas Library
- Bruno Library
- Rodgers Science & Engineering Library
- McLure Education Library
- Special Collections (W.S. Hoole, A.S. Williams III Collection) [3]

Specialized libraries and reading rooms primarily function to serve colleges and schools and are administered by those entities. They are:

- Bounds Law Library, administered by the School of Law;
- The Health Sciences Library, administered by the College of Community Health Sciences;
- The Social Work Reading Room, administered by the School of Social Work;
- Communications Reading Room, administered by the College of Communications & Information Sciences;
- The Map Library, administered by the Department of Geography in the College of Arts & Sciences; and
- Frances S. Summersell Library, Women’s Resource Center, administered by Division of Student Affairs.

**Collections**

The five branch libraries that comprise the UA Libraries are discipline based. In addition, UA Libraries maintains a non-public Annex facility that is used to store serials and monographs that are not frequently used or that we now have in electronic form.

The UA Libraries website [4] contains links to each branch and links to services and resources provided by the Libraries.

**Amelia Gayle Gorgas Library.** [5] is in the center of campus on the Quad and is considered the main library. [6] It houses social sciences, humanities and fine arts collections in all formats. Collections include history, English, music, theater, dance, art, psychology, sociology, women’s studies, and other social sciences and humanities at levels appropriate for undergraduate and graduate study. The Music Library [7] and the Alabama Digital Humanities Center [8] are housed on the first floor of Gorgas Library and the Sanford Media Center (SMC) [9] is on the second floor. The Alabama Digital Humanities Center serves primarily graduate students and faculty by providing consultation services, equipment and a series of brown bags and lectures. The Music Library serves all students, but is focused on the needs of the School of Music and departments of Theater and Dance. The Music Library offers collections of recordings in analog and digital formats, print collections, scores, and a variety of specialized equipment including keyboards and video players with their own work stations. Deliveries are made to the School of Music by a courier service for faculty who are unable to come to the building. Staff in the Music Library hold advanced degrees in music in addition to MLS degrees, e.g., head of the Music Library holds a Ph.D. in Music and staff has a MA in Music. The SMC serves all students and provides both the equipment and instruction on using the multimedia production equipment for creative digital projects. [10] In FY13, 12,427 students visited the SMC to check out a wide range of media and video items.

**Angelo Bruno Business Library** [11] supports the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration. Collections cover business, finance, accounting, marketing, economics, and management at levels appropriate for both undergraduate and graduate programs.
McLure Education Library [12] provides resources for the College of Education through a professional research collection and the Curriculum Materials Center. Programs in elementary education, secondary education, counseling, curriculum resources, kinesiology, educational leadership, and special education at the undergraduate and graduate levels are supported by these resources.

Eric and Sarah Rodgers Library [13] supports the College of Engineering, the College of Nursing, and the sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. Renovated in 2012, the Rodgers Library provides state of the art computer equipment, study rooms, and a 3D printer. The collections in Rodgers Library are primarily digital and support undergraduate and graduate study.

Special Collections

Special Collections include the W.S. Hoole Collections, University Archives, and the A.S. Williams III Americana Collection.

W.S. Hoole Special Collections [14] includes materials related to Alabama and the South, literary collections, publisher’s bindings, and manuscript collections. These collections include:

- The David Walker Lupton African American Cookbook Collection of over 450 titles from 1827 when the first book with recipes by an African American was published. Since the donation in 2000, new titles within the scope of the collection have been added.
- The Wade Hall Collection of Southern History and Culture, a continuing gift of published materials on the literature, music, and popular culture of the South. It includes an extensive collection of sheet music, recorded sound, and Southern literature from the 19th through the 21st century.
- The Confederate Imprints Collection, publications produced between April 1861 and April 1865 in the Confederate States, including more than 1,100 imprints, many of which were previously unknown.
- The Book Arts Collection, which contains fine press, small press, and other examples of artists’ books. It supports UA's Book Arts (MFA) Program in the School of Library and Information Studies.

The University Archives house records related to the University’s business. These records are currently stored at Hoole Library and the Annex.

The Williams Collection [15] was acquired in 2010 from the private collection of A.S. Williams III. The book collection includes some 20,000 volumes and pamphlets, published between the late 17th century and 2009. Subjects in the collection include:

- Documents and monographs pertaining to U.S. presidents;
- The history and culture of the South;
- The Civil War;
- 20–Some 6,000 volumes published from the earliest days of Secession to the present and reflecting the observations and opinions of the Union, the Confederacy, and European visitors during the War, veterans, and subsequent generations of scholars.
- Unpublished archival materials ranging from 19th-century letters, diaries, and newspapers to business records and a wide variety of documents recording the American experience of both the famous and the unknown from the mid–18th century to the Great Depression;
- 12,000 photographs of the South taken between the 1850s and the mid–1930s.

Both collections are used by history, English, and American Studies undergraduates, graduate students, and faculty as well as the general public.
Annex

The UA Libraries maintains an Annex facility near the campus which is not open to the public. The Annex is a high density storage facility, is 25,200 square feet, and holds an estimated 700,000 volumes of low use materials, including monographs published prior to 1984 that have not circulated for a decade or longer, back files of print journals which we now own or have access to in electronic formats, microfilm, fragile historic newspapers, theses, and dissertations. Part of the Annex space is currently devoted to University Archives where University business records that are on retention schedules are stored.

The Annex is staffed by a librarian and three staff members. Instructions for requesting Annex items can be found on the Libraries home page. Deliveries are made to each of the five libraries in the UA Libraries system twice a day during regular business hours, Monday – Friday. Articles are scanned and sent electronically to the requestor’s e-mail, if possible. University Archives delivers and picks up materials from University offices on demand.

Bounds Law Library

Administered separately from the UA Libraries, Bounds Law Library is the principal library and information resource for UA’s School of Law. The Bounds Law Library also offers services to outside constituents, such as the school’s alumni, the local bar, and the University community. Communication with outside constituents usually takes place by phone or email. The Bounds Law Library collection consists of over 664,000 printed volumes or equivalents and access to numerous online legal information resources such as Westlaw, Lexis, HeinOnline, Bloomberg Law, Proquest Congressional, The Making of Modern Law, and WorldCat. Online services are conveniently available to faculty, students, and staff within the Law Center or at remote locations via a proxy server. Online services are generally not available to outside constituents due to contractual restrictions imposed by commercial publishers. The Law Library has an extensive rare book collection in the areas of Alabama, early U.S. and English law. The collection is housed in a special, climate controlled facility. Access to the collection is provided through the Library’s website and its Innovative Interfaces online catalog. Reference services are provided by a reference team of four professional librarians, with all but one holding law degrees.

Health Sciences Library

The mission of the Health Sciences Library is to advance health related education, research, service, and rural health by organizing, synthesizing, and disseminating knowledge in the health sciences and by fostering the use of health care information. The Health Sciences Library is a gateway to health-related information worldwide. This specialized collection includes books, more than 230 current journal subscriptions, audio-visual resources, and access to specialized databases, library catalogs, and Internet resources. The collection covers topics in clinical medicine, family practice, primary care, medical education, consumer health, and related healthcare topics. The reference collection provides core titles in the major medical specialties, medical dictionaries, and directories of physicians, hospitals, healthcare associations, medical schools and residency programs. U.S. and Alabama vital statistics are available. Also, drug guides, clinical treatment guidelines and standards are included in the collection. The catalog for the Health Sciences Library collection is included in the UA Libraries Catalog. Searches may be limited to material located in the Health Sciences Library. Electronic access is available at seven public work stations. Numerous electronic resources are available, including PubMed (Medline), CINAHL, Exam Master, MDConsult, Harrison’s Online, Stat!Ref, Up-to-Date plus many more.

Discipline-based Reading Rooms

There are four discipline-based reading rooms in Divisions, Schools and Colleges on campus. Each has a librarian or staff member and a collection of materials.
Map Library. The mission of the UA Map Library [22] reflects UA's mission as a whole: teaching, research and service. The Department of Geography’s website allows for a global constituency of users. In addition, the Map Library has for 27 years contributed information to the U.S. Geological Survey’s Geographic Names Information System, which is the prime geographic names database for this country. Library personnel also manned a booth at the North River-Lake Tuscaloosa Watershed Festival for the past three years, educating 10-to 12-year-olds and providing educational material to their schools. The Map Library also supports educational programs at the Alabama Museum of Natural History.

Social Work Reading Room. The Social Work Reading Room [23] is located in 200 Little Hall and is staffed by a full-time librarian. The School of Social Work has 36 faculty and about 20 adjuncts who teach and/or supervise students doing their field work. The main service provided by the librarian is working with 650 BSW, MSW, and PhD students. The librarian serves students enrolled in programs on campus and in the MSW program offered online and started in 2012.

Winters Reading Room. The College of Communication and Information Sciences has five major academic areas: Advertising and Public Relations, Communication Studies, Journalism, Telecommunication and Film, and the graduate-only School of Library and Information Studies. The Winter Reading Room/Learning Commons, [24] located in Reese Phifer Hall, houses a collection of discipline-based monographs, academic and trade journals, Alabama newspapers, popular magazines donated by the Hearst Corporation, DVDs, reference books, ready reference style manuals, dissertations, and course-related reserve materials. Two computer labs and three color printers are available. Very popular with students, these computer labs are significant because they provide the only interdisciplinary study space in the College. They provide access to the Internet and to most software programs used throughout the College. Additionally, three group student rooms allow for collaborative study. They are available by reservation and offer 55-inch screens for viewing ease. Quiet study areas prove to be sought-after space, too, and the Reading Room has three window carrels. The Reading Room collection is available online through the College website, on and off campus.

An instructional and information services librarian developed REESEsearch Help, a collaborative effort between the Reading Room/Learning Commons and UA Libraries. This initiative offers students opportunities for one-on-one research assistance at a convenient location in the Reading Room. The Reading Room also provides space for the College Media Writing Center, which is managed by the Journalism Department. The Media Writing Center offers mentoring for students who need assistance in writing for media, including print and online news and public relations.

Frances S. Summersell Library. The Frances S. Summersell Library [25] serves the University and the community. The Library has a growing collection of books, videos, audio-tapes, magazines, journals, and resource files on a wide variety of topics. The materials from this library have been cataloged and integrated into the UA Libraries catalog. Materials are available for check-out at the Women’s Resource Center, but there are no staff dedicated solely to the library at the Center.

Electronic and Digital Resources

The UA Libraries website provides access to electronic and digital resources, which are available to all current students, faculty, and staff on campus via IP recognition and off campus via a campus login. A small number of resources are restricted to either on campus only or to specific disciplines due to contractual agreements. Electronic resources subscribed to and purchased by UA Libraries are available to patrons of the other campus libraries.

E-books. The total number of e-books available from all of the libraries on campus exceeds 1.2 million titles. These range from historical monographs and serials to current publications which may only appear in electronic format. Historical documents include EEBO (Early English Books Online) containing digital facsimiles of every book published in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and British North America and works in English printed elsewhere from 1473–1700.

HathiTrust. UA Libraries became a partner in HathiTrust, [26] a digital preservation repository, in the summer of 2013. [27] UA is the only institution in the state who has become a partner. This resource contains bibliographic records and full text for 11 million volumes with at least half fully accessible in the public domain.
Subscription and Purchased Electronic Resources. As a whole, the libraries on campus subscribe to or purchase over 500 electronic resources. The majority of these resources are available to all affiliated students, faculty and staff, either on-campus via IP recognition or from off-campus via an official university login. A selected few resources are restricted by departmental or disciplinary affiliation. These specialized resources are only available to those with the correct credentials and include resources in Business, Law, and Health primarily because these are professional resources. For example, Bloomberg Professional Service is only available on computers in Bruno and is limited to Business students.

Digital Services. The UA Libraries maintains a robust Digital Services program. Housed in Mary Harmon Bryant Hall, the Digital Services program reports to the Associate Dean for Library Technology Planning and Policy. A description of the mission and services can be located here. The program exists primarily to digitize and preserve items from the University’s special collections in Acumen, the University’s digital repository that was developed in house. The digital collections include copies of photographs, manuscripts, audio files, oral histories, and electronic theses and dissertations, which are described below.

Electronic Theses and Dissertations. In 2009 the Graduate School, in collaboration with ProQuest/UMI and the UA Libraries, implemented the requirement that graduate students submit theses and dissertations electronically. [29] Electronic theses and dissertations are submitted to the Graduate School electronically and are deposited and cataloged in Acumen. They are searchable in the UA Libraries online catalog and discovery service.

Academic software. The UA Libraries have discipline specific and general academic software packages installed on over 500 computers throughout the libraries. Since 2009, the number of software applications offered has doubled to support the increased demand of students, faculty, and their academic programs and research. Another contributing factor is the UA Libraries extended hours which make computers and software more available than computer labs on campus. A current list of academic software available on library computers can be found here. [30] These packages support student’s production, research, and learning.

Access to Resources

The UA Libraries, Law Library, and Health Sciences Library support faculty and students by providing locations that are close to academic departments, electronic resources that are available 24 hours a day, wireless access, academic software, and special services fully described in this section. The libraries strive to be responsive to user needs and to technology trends by adding services and learning/information resources when a need is identified.

Information and references services (desks) are located within each library on campus. UA Libraries offers access to over 500 computers throughout the branches. Students can track availability via an online system on the Library website. [31] Laptops are available for students to check out and use within the library. Gorgas Library maintains a state-of-the-art media center, the SMC, which serves all students, and Digital Humanities Center, which serves graduate students and faculty.

Assistance for users is available in person, via phone, and e-mail and through several web-based services. [32] Librarians answer questions submitted to Ask a Librarian and post the most commonly asked questions on a searchable FAQ page. [32] Librarians create subject and discipline specific guides using the LibGuides platform. [33] Currently there are 463 subject and course guides available. Keys to the Capstone [34] provides a podcast series introducing basic information literacy topics. Video tutorials are also available on YouTube and in iTunesU and help students discover library resources in academic disciplines, find information resources, and contact libraries in specific subjects and disciplines. All of these services are available to students and faculty who are on or off campus. Services for Distance Education students are listed on UA’s website. [35] The University’s website also contains links to resources and services for disabled students. [36]

UA Libraries owns about 4 million volumes and has access to 124,145 electronic and print journals. UA Libraries holds materials in print and electronic formats as well as CDs, microforms, musical scores, recordings, and videos. Acquisition of electronic books increased in the past few years, and the Library now has access to over 1.2 million e-books. The attached chart provides a summary of volumes and titles reported to the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) for holdings as of September 30, 2013. [37]
In addition, UA Libraries became a partner in HathiTrust, (explained above), adding access to 11 million volumes, five million of which are freely available in full text format.

The University Library serves as a Regional Government Document Depository [38] and Bounds Law Library serves as a Selective Depository Library. Regional Libraries receive every publication issued by the U.S. Government Printing Offices and U.S. Government Agencies. This comprehensive collection is an asset to both the students and faculty of the University and the citizens of the State of Alabama. UA Libraries participates in the ASERL Center of Excellence project for Government Documents. [39] In this project the library selects an agency and assures that it owns 100% of the publications issued by the agency. UA’s agency is Veteran’s Affairs, selected because the VA Hospital is located in Tuscaloosa. The Law Library benefits from its Depository status by gaining essentially cost free access to primary legal materials as well as to agency publications. The collections are indexed in an online catalog and an online discovery system containing records with links to digital copies of electronic journals, e-books and videos.

Online services are provided in a shared system for UA Libraries and Health Sciences Library through the library catalog from Voyager and Ebsco Discovery Service (EDS), a web-based discovery service from Ebsco. E-journal and e-book discovery are provided through a portal from Serials Solutions in addition to being available in the catalog and discovery service. [40] In addition to the libraries mentioned, holdings for the Women’s Resource Center have been added to the Voyager catalog and are available to all students and faculty through the system. The Bounds Law Library catalogs its material in an online catalog system from Innovative Interfaces. [19] Faculty and students in the Law School also have access to the resources provided via the UA Libraries website. [41]

Online systems are available 24 hours a day and allow users to renew materials, recall items, place hold requests, request items from the Annex, place rush cataloging requests, and make interlibrary loan requests. [42] When logging in using their Campus Wide ID (CWID), faculty and students may save searches and create bookshelves of materials they want to track in the Voyager system. Logging into EDS requires a separate account and allows users to create folders for research material and results as well as journal and search alerts for new content. Folders can also be shared in EDS providing for collaboration on research projects. These services are available by logging into the online systems.

The Databases page [43] on the UA Libraries’ website lists over 400 subscription databases and provides easy access to resources. In FY2013 in all libraries, 2,210,688 full text articles were retrieved from subscribed databases and e-journals. Searches of databases equaled 73,912,570.

Borrowing privileges are available for faculty, students, staff, and community users. Policies are located on homepages of the UA Libraries and each independent library or reading room, if applicable. [44] Reciprocal or Interlibrary Loan borrowing programs are available with other Alabama libraries as well as with several universities throughout the United States. The libraries do not charge for these services. Further evidence of access and use comes from the FY2013 statistics:

- UA Libraries buildings and facilities received over 1.7 million visits.
- The UA Libraries website received 1,389,345 million visits, with a minimum visit of 3:30 minutes.
- Over 2.2 million full text articles were retrieved from subscription databases and journals.
- Instruction was provided to 19,506 students across the libraries.
- Print collections continue to circulate with 118,199 initial circulations.
Support for Distance Education and Off-Campus Faculty and Students

UA Libraries offers a webpage [45] and a LibGuide [46] specifically for students enrolled in courses and/or programs offered online or at off-campus instructional sites. The libraries work with Continuing Studies to optimize and coordinate services offered through e-learning and the library website by providing the guides listed above as well as online reference assistance. Library staff developed special materials that are distributed to all new distance education students through Continuing Studies. Orientation sessions for students are offered in person and online via a class session. A distance education librarian offers reference services and instruction through the e-learning platform that serves distance education for the campus. Interlibrary Loan and borrowing privileges are offered through the U.S. Mail and UPS for distance education students. Online services such as access to electronic resources, the online catalog and discovery service and Ask a Librarian are available to distance education students in the same manner as they are to on campus students. Librarians also travel to the Gadsden Center on request to offer instruction or special sessions for students taking classes at that location.

Hours

During the fall and spring semesters, UA Libraries, Bounds Law Library, and Health Sciences Library are open a maximum of 159 hours per week. [47]

- In response to student requests, Gorgas Library began staying open until 9 pm on Friday and Saturday in March 2013 – end of the semester. This is a pilot program that will be evaluated prior to the Fall semester.

- The UA Libraries have also responded to student requests for longer hours at Gorgas during Summer Sessions and for extended hours during finals in the Summer.

During the final two weeks of fall and spring semester Gorgas and Rodgers remain open 24/7.

Adequacy of Collections, Resources and Services

UA Libraries offers diverse print, electronic, microform, and media collections to support all academic departments at the University. UA Libraries increased support for and access to collections through a healthy collections budget, substantial endowments, and memberships and agreements with several consortia and library organizations. In the most recent rankings by ARL (2011–12), UA Libraries ranked 79th out of 115 university research libraries in the United States and Canada, up from 92nd in the previous year. UA Libraries ranked 37th among libraries at public institutions in the United States qualifying for membership in ARL. As of FY2013, UA Libraries resources included:

- 4.1 million volumes
- Access to 124,000 print and electronic journals.
- Access to approximately 400 licensed networked electronic resources/databases
- 1.2 million e-books available on and off campus
- Access to more than 5 million titles through partnership with HathiTrust.

UA campus libraries provide adequate collections and learning resources for students and faculty consistent with the University’s degree programs.
**UA Libraries Budget.** UA Libraries collections budget is allocated by discipline and managed by subject selectors assigned to specific disciplines. Restricted gifts and endowments supplement state funding across the disciplines to enhance collections. Technology is funded in a separate budget from the operating budget and used to enhance the support for learning by purchasing items such as smart boards, licensing academic software, and keeping computers up to date. Subject selectors work with academic departments to review and make appropriate selections of materials in all formats. Journals and electronic resources are reviewed annually to assure they still meet the needs of the curriculum and research. Usage statistics, cost, and availability of full text content are assessed for electronic content that is retained or added. Approval plans based on criteria that includes publishers, subject areas, and cost are arranged with major domestic and foreign vendors to assist in expediting selection, purchase and delivery of materials. Books and materials on these plans arrive biweekly. These plans are reviewed as needed and adjustments are made to reflect needs and budgets. The UA Libraries have been fortunate to have received funding and increases to funding equal to annual inflation for collections. This funding along with numerous gifts and endowments provides for ongoing strong collections across the disciplines. In the past three years 188 full text electronic resources have been added including Harvard E-books, JSTOR back files, Springer and Elsevier e-books in several disciplines, and a number of historical newspapers. Volumes added over the past three years equal 308,776.

The Collection Management Group and the Electronic Resources Working Group meet to discuss issues in collections, advise on purchases and access to collections, and respond to needs of students and faculty. Each group meets once a month. The Collection Management Group consists of the Associate Dean for Research & Instruction, the head of Acquisitions, Electronic Resources Librarians, and all subject selectors. The Electronic Resources Working Group is chaired by the Electronic Resources Librarian and consists of selected subject selectors in the disciplines. Subject selectors also take part in review of academic programs during the programmatic accreditation process. In conjunction with the Associate Dean for Research & Instruction and the head of Acquisitions, reports are prepared to describe collections in the areas and programs and services provided by the libraries as part of the process.

Funds for new faculty during their first three years are allocated in the library to allow the library to purchase materials to support new areas of research and teaching. These funds are administered by the Associate Dean for Research & Instruction.

The University Library is also an affiliate member of the Center for the Book, a program of the Library of Congress which sponsors programs to promote reading and literacy. [48]

The Law Library, Health Sciences Library, Map Library, and Winters Reading Room have separate budgets for collections and materials which are administered by those libraries. The collections budget for Social Work is included in the University Library budget.

**Technology support.** Libraries on the campus are open longer hours than departmental computer labs and offer state-of-the-art workstations for students to access academic software and complete work. [49] Gorgas Library has undergone two renovations to add learning commons areas with specialized computers. The third floor features Apple computers and the first floor has PC and Apple computers as well as work stations with larger screens and collaborative workspace. Rodgers Library underwent renovation in 2012 to add more computers and technology enhanced study rooms which include smart boards and other technology to aid in study and learning. Academic software to support coursework is available on many of the 550 computers located throughout the five buildings. Computer availability can be tracked in real time via the Library’s website.

**Agreements.** UA Libraries holds memberships in library consortia and organizations that facilitate the purchase and licensing of electronic resources and other materials and also provide opportunities for professional development. The agreements allow the libraries to purchase materials at reduced costs and to provide access to collections that may not be held on the campus.

- Association of Research Libraries (ARL) is a membership organization comprised of the top 125 research libraries in the United States and Canada.

- The Center for Research Libraries (CRL) loans collections of unique research materials to users in member libraries.

- Association of Southeastern Research Libraries (ASERL) works with libraries across the southeast on initiatives, including delivery of interlibrary loan materials via KUDZU, the Journal Retention Storage Project, and Centers of Excellence for Government Documents.
• Alabama Virtual Library (AVL) provides core resources for all citizens of the state of Alabama.


• HathiTrust provides a collection of over 3 million digitized books and materials. HathiTrust also has a research arm which assists faculty with projects in text mining and digital humanities.

• The Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC) is an international alliance of academic and research libraries working to create a more open system of scholarly communication.

• The Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) takes a leadership role in the development and transformation of technology.

• LYRASIS library network provides access to services, opportunities for collaboration and professional development.

• Portico provides libraries with digital preservation for thousands of e-journals, e-books and digitized collections.

**Services appropriate to learning and research**

The UA libraries conduct periodic surveys to determine the needs of faculty and students. Also, instruction librarians include evaluation tools in their sessions to gain feedback on learning and questions from students. The University Library Committee is composed of faculty representatives, graduate students, undergraduates and representatives from the UA Libraries, Law, Health Sciences and the College of Communications Reading Room. The Committee meets at least twice a year to offer feedback and suggestions about library services. The UA provides support to students, faculty, and staff in a variety of ways. Librarians serve as subject specialists and liaisons to academic departments and offer instruction and research assistance. These services are offered in person, online and via the telephone. Outreach services are offered in dorms, learning centers and other areas on campus. A courier service delivers materials to the School of Music. An online suggestion form allows University patrons to recommend titles and resources that they would like to see added to the collections.

Administrators and librarians work closely with faculty across campus to assess the collections and services offered by the UA Libraries. Partnerships have been fostered in Student Affairs as well, and collaborative programs in the Residence Halls, during orientation, and with parent programs have resulted. The Library provides space for tutors from the Writing Center and the Center for Academic Success to meet with students on a regular basis throughout the academic year.

**Conclusion**

The UA Libraries provide adequate and sufficient collections and resources to students and faculty through stewardship of the budget and collaborative efforts on and off campus. Librarians and faculty work together to assess collection needs and to develop new areas of collecting. Negotiation with vendors has provided significant savings in the budget that can be used for additional materials. Access to an increasing amount of material is available to all faculty and students online at any time of the day or night. Services and instruction are provided to students and faculty on and off campus. Annual assessment efforts help us monitor progress and update policies, procedures and services in order to continually improve.

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**Supporting Documents**

1. UA Libraries Mission Statement (PDF)

2. UA Libraries Org Chart (PDF)
3. Library Organizational Chart (PDF)

4. UA Libraries Website (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)

5. Gorgas Library Front Page (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)

6. Campus Map with Library (PDF)

7. UA Music Library (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)

8. Alabama Digital Humanities Center (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)

9. Sanford Media Center (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)

10. Samford Media Center, FAQ (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

11. Bruno Business Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

12. McLure Education Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

13. Rogers Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

14. Hoole Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

15. The Williams Collection (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

16. Annex Collection (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

17. UA Library Annex Request (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

18. Bounds Law Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

19. Law Library Catalog (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

20. Health Sciences Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

21. Health Library Catalog (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

22. UA Map Library (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

23. Social Work Reading Room (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)

24. Winter Reading Room (PDF)
    Full Document (Website)
25. Frances S Summersell Library Womens Resource Center (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
26. Hathi Trust Digital Library (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
27. UA Joins HathiTrust (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
28. UA Libraries Digital Services (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
29. Electronic Theses and Dissertations (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
30. UA Academic Software (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
31. Available Library Computers (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
32. Ask A Librarian (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
33. Library Guides (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
34. Keys to the Capstone (PDF)
35. Distance Ed Library Services (PDF)
   Full Document (Website)
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