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**Janet and Jack Roberts** created the **Janet and Jack Roberts Peruvian Endowment**. This will support the enhancement and maintenance of the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection through collections acquisitions, travel, preservation needs, staff, special projects, and more.

**The Consuelo Artaza and Dr. Carlos Castañeda Diversity Alliance Residency Program**, created by **Gustavo Artaza ('85)** in honor of his mother and grandfather, celebrates the success of its premier. Upon completion of their residency, Natalie Hill has accepted the position of Instructional Designer at the University of New England, and Laura Tadena has accepted the position of Inclusive Services Consultant at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Lorraine J. Haricombe** established the **Lorraine J Haricombe IDEA Fund**. The fund will support activities, resources and programs that promote inclusivity, diversity, equity, and accessibility in the University of Texas Libraries.

Thanks to private support, we rewarded the talents of two Longhorns who help the Libraries in their service to the Forty Acres:

**Chad Garrett** was the recipient of the **David O. Nilsson Endowed Graduate Fellowship**. Chad works in the Access Systems department at the Libraries and is in the Information Studies graduate program at the Information School.

**Alexis Tatum** was the recipient of the **David O. Nilsson Scholarship for University of Texas Libraries Student Workers**. Alexis works at the Perry-Castañeda Library as a Student Associate and Mentor and is in the Journalism and Plan II programs.

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## Libraries in Collaboration

Working with the Libraries' Head of Information Literacy Services Elise Nacca, Dr. Elon Lang utilized a Faculty Innovation Grant to lead students in his course Treasure Hunt in Campus Archives: Giving Voice to Hidden Histories through introductions to special collections across campus – including the Benson Latin American Collection, Harry Ransom Center and Briscoe Center for American History – and shared the basics of exploring primary source materials. A component of Lang's course was for students to work with a digital platform, the outcome of which was an online digital archive created by the students themselves – "Highlighting Inequity and Identity in History," givingvoicetohiddenhistories.omeka.net.

The UT System Board of Regents approved a proposal from President Fenes to fund construction of a third module of the Joint Library Facility (JLF) at College Station. The JLF collaboration between the Texas A&M and UT Systems is an important component of the Libraries' long-term preservation strategy, beginning with the construction of the first JLF unit in 2010 at the Pickle Research Campus.

Staff responded to a request from the Office of Graduate Studies to facilitate the addition of LaTeX software for technical and scientific manuscript preparation to Windows workstations in all UT Libraries locations and introduce access to iThenticate plagiarism detection software designed to ensure proper attribution and document versioning control for faculty members and graduate students authoring publications.

The Libraries worked with the Humanities Institute's Communities of Care project to bring the NEH-funded "Sustaining Digital Humanities" workshop to Austin. Allyssa Guzman, Digital Scholarship Librarian, and Albert Palacios, Digital Scholarship Coordinator at LLILAS Benson, coordinated the two day workshop which trained faculty and graduate students to plan for the long-term sustainability of their digital projects.

Through the Information Literacy Unit, the Libraries have supported all instruction for Texas Global. This includes the orientations for new students, instruction for ESL students and support for visiting international scholars (Fulbright Scholars, Executive Education Program) who have undertaken research in Libraries' collections. We also continue supporting faculty teaching in the innovative virtual exchange program, Global Classrooms through consulting on technology and collaborative research assignment design.

Through our innovative spaces in the Learning Commons, the Libraries carry on collaborations across campus to bring academic support to PCL. We partner with the Writing Center and Sanger Learning Center on workshops and through our student worker community. In addition, the Libraries work with campus partners such as the Leadership and Ethics Institute, VP Research, COERLL and OGS in our spaces to make PCL a destination for discovery and learning.

The Libraries continued its participation as co-host of the Graduate Student Teaching Showcase that highlights teaching innovations by graduate students at UT. The Showcase is presented by the Faculty Innovation Center, in partnership with UT Libraries and the Graduate School. Now in its third year, the event provides student instructors with an occasion to come together with the university community and share insightful, personal stories about their own teaching experience, as well as concrete, actionable teaching strategies that are transferrable to a diversity of classroom contexts.

The Libraries collaborated to put on the Big XII Teaching & Learning Conference, a national conference, with the theme "Expanding Our Reach," to bring together faculty development specialists, instructional designers, librarians, faculty and graduate students around pedagogy.

Libraries' public programming reflects a breadth of campus partnerships. During 2019, the UT Libraries collaborated with:

Center for East Asian Studies

Data Carpentry

Department of Aerospace Engineering & Engineering Mechanics

Department of History

Department of Middle Eastern Studies

Fortunoff Archive

Graduate School

Hearts of Texas

Humanities Institute

Information Security Office

iSchool Pride, School of Information

Israel Studies Program

Latino Studies

Moody College of Communication

RGK Center for Philanthropy and

Community Service

School of Architecture

Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies

Science Communication Interest Group

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Texas Advanced Computing Center

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University of Texas Leadership &

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2019 Annual Report



## From the Vice Provost

Dear friends and colleagues,

I'm happy to bring you the University of Texas Libraries annual report for fiscal year 2019. After a bit of tempestuous weather in recent years, the Libraries entered a period of relative calm during which we had the chance to reflect on where we are as an organization, and towards what future promise we want to steer this venerable ship.

Research libraries are currently operating in an era marked by constant transition thanks to a paradigm shift brought on by the proliferation of online information and the development of personal technologies. These changes open up exciting new possibilities but they also, in part, supplant the traditional resources that have been the currency of libraries since time immemorial.

Over the past year, the University of Texas Libraries entered a dialogue with our community that emerged from reactions to the difficult task we have of managing a complex ecosystem with varying needs and expectations. To an extent, evolving models of research – traditional, novel and hybrid – exist in parallel. Navigating the confidence of each can be challenging. Our community of user advocates stepped up and were active participants in productive discussions, providing valuable input that will have an impact on the development of campus libraries and their resources now and for years to come.

All the while, we continued to push forward with work in acquisitions, space redevelopment, technological innovation and leadership in the field of digital preservation. It is our nature to embrace change and the critical view in service of making ourselves better, and the diversity of perspectives and the opportunity to try new things are where the greatest strengths of libraries reside.

Thanks to the experiences of the previous year, our vision for the future has sharpened focus and our commitment to the community is more resolute than ever. Staff have been energized to redouble efforts on instituting ideas that have earned endorsement from the community, and are organizing purposefully behind new objectives.

Overall, we feel reunited with our supporters in a way that will help to make these Libraries better than they have ever been. We are grateful for a renewed energy and harmony that comes from the collective sense of purpose, and we hope you share this motivation, as well. Because alone we go faster, but together, we go farther.

Dr. Lorraine J. Haricombe  
Vice Provost and Director, University of Texas Libraries

### Future of the UT Libraries Task Force

In response to community concerns about the direction of the Libraries, Provost Maurie McInnis convened a university-wide Task Force on the Future of UT Libraries to assess the current state and trajectory of the libraries on campus. Co-chaired by Vice Provost Lorraine Haricombe and Dean of the School of Architecture Michelle Addington, members of the group spent the better part of a year collecting data and feedback before presenting recommendations to the provost at the beginning of the fall 2019 semester for her consideration.

### Volz Archive

The Alexander Architectural Archives acquired the archive of Volz & Associates, Inc., with materials spanning over 40 years of architecture, interior design and consultation work focusing primarily on preserving and restoring historic buildings and interiors. Included among the resources are materials related to preservation and renovation projects at the Texas Governor's Mansion, the Alamo and the Texas State Capitol, as well as examples of campus architecture including the Littlefield Home and Battle Hall.

### Collaborative Commons Upgrade

An extension to an earlier renovation project took place on the Perry-Castañeda library's popular fifth floor with the expansion of the Collaborative Commons, the bustling hub of late hours study and community on the fifth level of the building that is designated for noise and activity that isn't traditionally associated with the pastoral atmosphere of a library. The upgrade connects the original study area to an even larger space refreshed space on the opposite side of the building to further expand technology and utility access.

### War Maps

Adding to the already rich resources of the Perry-Castañeda Map Collection, the family of UT alumni Roy J. Beery graciously gifted us with the maps he used when he served in the World War II Invasion of Normandy, and the Army Heritage Center gifted maps and other materials that Colonel Roland T. Fenton, who served in machine gun battalions in World War I and World War II, used during his service.

### Columbian Post-Custodial Project - Proceso de Comunidades Negras

LLILAS Benson Digital Initiatives launched the second of three post-custodial projects with new partners, the Proceso de Comunidades Negras (PCN), specifically focused on the records held at the Buenaventura office serving the Palenque Regional El Kongal. These materials, held for over two decades by PCN, represent a crucial addition not only to human rights documentation of Colombia's ongoing war and drug trafficking related conflicts, but also as testament of resilient efforts by Afro-descendant Colombian communities to define and secure recognition and ethno-racial rights in Colombia.

# THE VALUE OF UT LIBRARIES

## LIBRARIES VS. COMMERCIAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

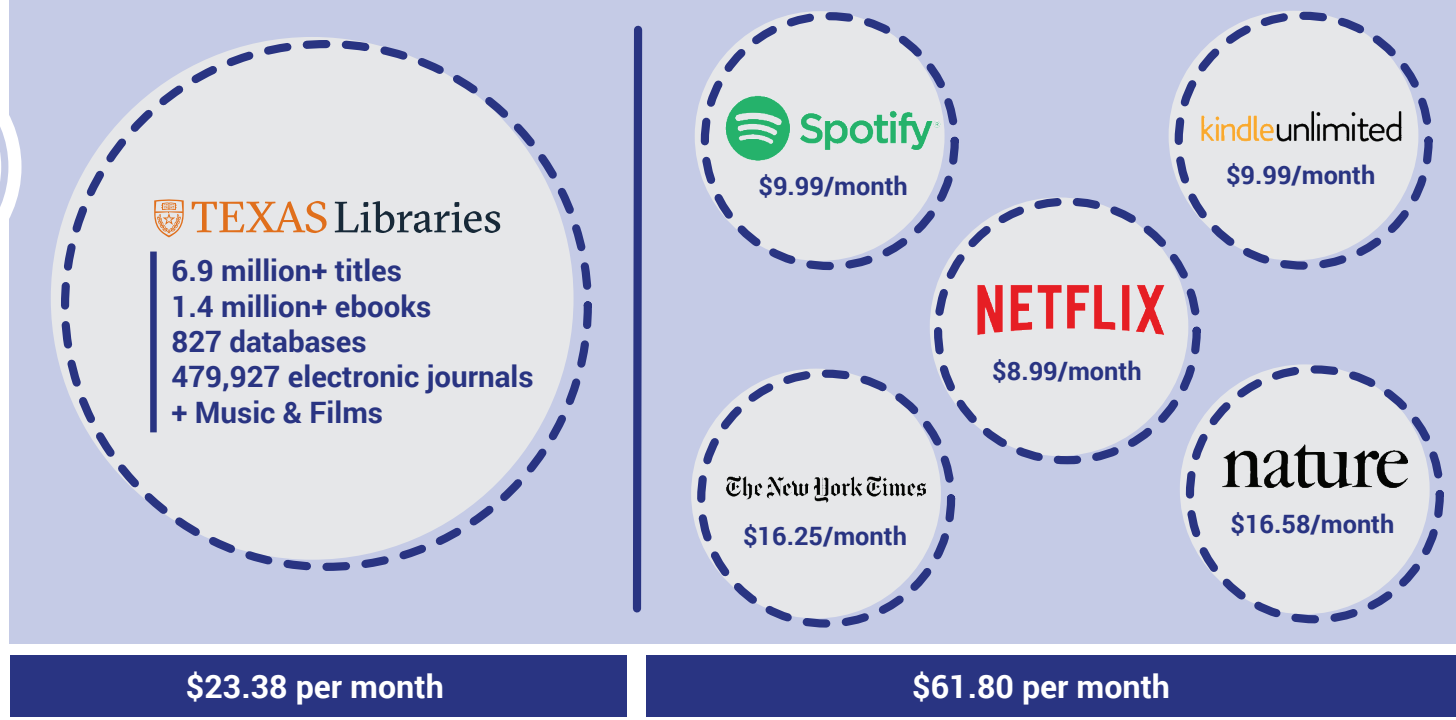
### WHAT YOU GET:

University of Texas Libraries provides its patrons access to a world class collection of books, periodicals, music, films and unique and one of a kind items.

### WHAT A VALUE:

For the 2018-19 fiscal year UT Libraries had a total materials expenditure of \$18,787,733 spread over 66,965 people in the campus community, this breaks down to a cost of \$23.38 per community user per month.

## HOW WE COMPARE



### AND MORE



#### SOFTWARE

35,301 computer workstation users



#### MAKERSPACE

600 new Foundry user certifications



#### STUDY SPACES

108,045 study room bookings



#### EXPERTISE

21,920 instruction session attendees

### Hall of Texas

Eighty-five years after its original opening, the Hall of Texas at the Life Science Library in the historic Main Building at has been returned to its essential purpose as a contemplative space for visitors to the library at the heart of the Forty Acres. With generous funding from Provost Maurie McInnis, space was returned to the care of the Libraries, and to a state of previous grandeur concurrent with its sister space on the east side of the library, the Hall of Noble Words. The renovated space is now available for use by students, scholars and visitors who wish to immerse in a classic library experience.

### Texas ScholarWorks Turns 10

The digital repository for The University of Texas at Austin – Texas ScholarWorks – celebrated an anniversary this year, marking its tenth year in existence. The online storehouse has grown over time to become a resource for researchers, scholars, students and the general public, today containing more than 66,000 items, and serving over 5 million visitors annually.

### TARO Grant

This spring, the Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO) consortium and the University of Texas Libraries received a grant of \$348,359 from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to enhance their efforts to provide researchers worldwide with access to collection descriptions of archival primary sources in libraries, archives and museums across Texas. The grant will support a redesign of the TARO web platform to improve functionality and appearance, work towards standardizing existing control access terms and provide training to support participation for TARO members.

### Mixon Caves Collection

A member of the local caving community, Bill Mixon – a former book review editor for the National Speleological Society and friend of the Walter Library – donated his unique collection of more than 2000 books and periodical issues related to cave and karst research, literature and culture to the library. The collection significantly broadens and enhances existing collections and is largely international in scope. Among the items included, almost one third of the books are not only new to the university, but not held in any other U.S. libraries.

### GIS Initiative – GeoData Portal

The Libraries launched an interface that will facilitate discovery of the cartographic resources and geospatial datasets in our collections by researchers, faculty and other university constituents. The Texas GeoData Portal gives users the ability to search, browse, preview and download geospatial datasets. Visitors to the website will be able to search through a variety of geospatial datasets, including georeferenced scanned map images from the PCL Map Collection and vector datasets developed from items in other special collections like the Benson Latin American Collection and Alexander Architectural Archives.