There are no great universities without great libraries, and no great library has ever been built without support.

Chad Garrett
Fellowship Designer at the University of New England, and Laura Tadena has accepted the position of Instructional Facilitator and Mentor and is in the process of training to become a Student Associate. Chadd is the recipient of the David O. Nilsson Endowed Graduate Scholarship, created by Dr. Harriett D. Romo ’66 in honor of her mother, Dr. Roosevelt Weeks, and grandfather, who both passed away recently. This will support the enhancement and maintenance of the Perry-Castañeda Library as a Student Associate and Mentor and is in the process of training to become a Student Associate. Chad works in the Access Systems department at the Libraries and is in the process of training to become a Student Associate. His work has been recognized by the University of Texas Libraries for the Innovation Grant to lead students in the construction of the first JLF (Joint Library Fund) unit in 2010 at the Pickle Research Campus. The Libraries are committed to sustaining their digital projects. Inequity and Identity in History, a national digital archive created by the University of Texas Libraries, reflects a breadth of campus partnerships. During 2019, the UT Libraries have supported all instruction in the Faculty of Law at the University of Texas School of Law and UT’s External Library, the Benson Latin American Collection, the Horvitz Library at the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, and the Harry Ransom Center and Briscoe Center for American History – and many more.

The Libraries’ public programming includes collaborations with the Texas Early Music Project, the Science Communication Interest Group, the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of History, the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Public Policy, the Moody College of Communication, the iSchool Pride, School of Information, the Center on Workforce Development in Information Technology, iSchool Pride, School of Information, the Center on Workforce Development in Information Technology, and the University of Texas at Austin’s College of Communication. The Libraries’ public programming includes collaborations with the Texas Early Music Project, the Science Communication Interest Group, the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of History, the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Public Policy, the Moody College of Communication, the iSchool Pride, School of Information, the Center on Workforce Development in Information Technology, iSchool Pride, School of Information, the Center on Workforce Development in Information Technology, and the University of Texas at Austin’s College of Communication. The Libraries’ public programming includes collaborations with the Texas Early Music Project, the Science Communication Interest Group, the Department of Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of History, the Schusterman Center for Jewish Studies, the RGK Center for Philanthropy and Public Policy, the Moody College of Communication, the iSchool Pride, School of Information, the Center on Workforce Development in Information Technology, iSchool Pride, School of Information, the Center on Workforce Development in Information Technology, and the University of Texas at Austin’s College of Communication.
Dear friends and colleagues,

I am pleased to share an update on the University of Texas Libraries’ progress toward our long-standing goal of creating a more inclusive, equitable, and just campus for all. We are grateful for the support of our many partners and stakeholders, and we are excited to continue our work together to build a better future for all.

The past year presented significant challenges to our University Libraries, just as it did to our larger community. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic made it necessary for us to adapt our services and programs to meet the needs of our patrons and staff. We are proud of the way we have responded to this unprecedented situation, and we are committed to continuing to provide excellent customer service and high-quality educational resources.

One of the most significant developments in the past year was the creation of the University-wide Task Force on the Future of the Libraries. Co-chaired by Vice Provost Michelle Lorraine Haricombe and Dean of the School of Architecture Patrick Bohn, the Task Force brought together a diverse group of representatives from across the university to develop a vision for the future of our libraries.

The Task Force’s report, “A Public Library for the Future,” provides a roadmap for the Libraries to continue to evolve and adapt to meet the needs of our community. The report includes recommendations for improvements in areas such as digital literacy, collection development, and space planning. We are committed to implementing these recommendations and are already working to put them into practice.

In addition to the Task Force’s work, we have continued to advance our strategic plan, “The VALUE of UT Libraries.” This plan outlines our commitment to excellence, access, and engagement, and we are excited to see the progress we have made towards achieving these goals.

The Libraries’ mission is to support teaching, learning, and research at the University of Texas at Austin. We believe that our libraries are central to the university’s mission and that they are essential to the success of our students and faculty. We are committed to providing a high-quality library experience that meets the needs of all members of our community.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our partners and stakeholders for their support and encouragement. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue to work together to build a better future for all.

Sincerely,

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From the Vice Provost