

## Chapter 11 – Gerald R. Sherratt Library

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### Vision Statement

As the academic center of the University, the Sherratt Library will empower our learning community by providing quality resources, responsive services and effective literacy education and promote scholarship and lifelong learning in a constantly evolving environment.

### Mission Statement

The Sherratt Library seeks to actively foster access to global information within a personalized learning environment by collecting, organizing, preserving, disseminating and creating information for the university community and promoting the optimum use of information resources in support of the university curriculum, students and faculty.

To fulfill this mission, the major goals of the Sherratt Library are:

1. SERVICE: Provide outstanding service to patrons and the larger community.
  - a. Customer service training
  - b. Employee development and recognition
  - c. Conferences and exhibits
2. COLLECTIONS: Continue to build an outstanding library collection in suitable formats that supports teaching and learning at the University.
3. ACCESS: Continually evaluate information technologies and introduce innovative methods of providing library resources.
4. EDUCATION:
  - a. Ensure that every student graduates with a mastery of basic information literacy competencies.
  - b. Ensure that all students graduate with a mastery of information resources in their subject specialties.
  - c. Ensure that all students who complete library media program have a mastery of professional competencies.
5. PRESERVATION: Guarantee the preservation of records/artifacts essential to our cultural heritage.
  - a. University archives
  - b. Archeology Repository
  - c. Southern Utah regional records.
6. FACILITIES:
  - a. Create a quiet, safe, comfortable environment for our users.
  - b. Plan better utilization of current and future space.
  - c. Maintain and update the computer network.
7. ASSESSMENT: Continue to assess the performance of the library.
8. RESOURCES: Increase our efforts to garner additional library resources through grants, endowments, and entrepreneurial activities.

The Library, a \$10.4 million, 82,418 square foot, state-of-the-art facility was opened in March 1996. Linked to other libraries

throughout the United States and world, the library provides materials and services to support the university curriculum in bringing students, faculty, librarians and technology together. The online catalog and computer bibliographic indexes provide instant access to the library's collection and to additional resources world wide. These materials and services are available to all SUU students, faculty and staff who have a valid SUU I.D. card. Patrons who are not affiliated with the University but desire to check out materials may purchase a yearly patron card at the circulation desk.

The Information Commons on the main level houses over 100 computer workstations where students may seek reference assistance, access the library collection online, or consult electronic databases using the library's integrated system. An optical fiber network operates within the building and connects the campus to approximately 11,000 periodicals, many of them full-text, which complement the in-house periodical collection of 1,000 titles. Also located on the main level are the circulation desk, a copy center, the reserve library, and the serials and journals area. In addition to data access in this area, the library has a wireless network and computer ports available on the upper floors for student laptops. The library offers interlibrary loan service using a network of more than 3,000 participating libraries throughout the nation. This service provides patrons with books and journal articles not available at SUU. A copy center provides copy machines, printing services, production services and supplies.

Housed on the top two floors are the book collections of 245,000 volumes (building to a capacity of 260,000 volumes). The Main Collection, on the second level, supports the core curriculum in a variety of academic fields. Federal and state government documents are available for all citizens in the Main Collection and online. The Juvenile Collection, on the third floor, contains fiction and non-fiction of particular importance to prospective teachers.

The Jon and Karen Huntsman Reading Room, a two-story sky-lit rotunda on the second level is designed with table seating for study and use of library materials. Study space on the top floor overlooks this vast reading room as well as the north side of the campus and valley. More than 1,200 study stations are available. Seven study rooms where students may work in pairs or small groups are available on the upper two floors of the building. Traditional library carrels, study tables, and lounge furniture are integrated into the library.

Located on the Garden level are the Special Collections, the Media / Curriculum Collections and an electronic classroom.

Special Collections contains materials that are rare, expensive, or in need of special handling. The Christopher/ Mann Reading Room provides a serene setting to examine materials about SUU, Southern Utah, Shakespeare, and the humanities. The Seymour Room, with its authentic Victorian furniture, provides valuable materials in opera, drama, literature and language. The Palmer Room contains material about the Paiute Indians and southern Utah. The hours for Special Collections are Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Other times by appointment.

The Media/Curriculum Collection includes video tapes, DVD's, computer programs, recordings, pictures, CD's, books on tape, charts, maps, models, and current public school curriculum materials.

A library instruction classroom is also located on this level and provides an environment for instruction in information retrieval skills and contemporary library research.

The Garden of Symbols is a unique fountain with water seeping from two sandstone spires. It is surrounded by symbols of communication including ancient and modern alphabets. It was funded by the Utah 1% for the Art Program, and is visible from the lower two levels of the library.

Sherratt Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Friday, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. When school is not in session the hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Faculty Center

Contact: Ellen Chalmers

Sherratt Library ~ (435) 865-8172

Website: <http://www.li.suu.edu/library/profdev/fcindex.htm>

This center sponsors events and programs on campus to support teaching, learning and scholarship. A multi-media computer lab is available to foster the use of teaching with technology on the campus. The center coordinates student technology assistants who assist faculty in the use of new technologies.

### Archeology Repository

Curator: Barbara Frank

Electronic Learning Center ~ (435) 586-7870

The repository serves as the only official depository in Southern Utah permitted to archive cultural artifacts removed from public and private lands. Located on the first level of the Electronic Learning Center, the repository contains artifacts culturally affiliated with the Puebloan groups, specifically the Virgin Anasazi, the Fremont and the Neo-Archaic Southern Paiutes. The artifacts have been deposited from field work done by the SUU Archeology Field School, the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management. This repository was selected as the site for all the artifacts found in the recent work on the Escalante-Grand Staircase Monument. The repository is open by appointment.

### The Grace A. Tanner Center For Human Values

Director: James Harrison

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The purpose of the center is to provide a focal point and a physical setting for the Grace A. Tanner Lecture in Human Values—a program funded by the Tanner Trust for Utah Universities through the generosity of Obert C. and Grace A. Tanner—and other such activities as the center may choose to sponsor.

Center activities include sponsorship of the Distinguished Faculty Lecture and the annual Grace A. Tanner Scholarship, covering tuition and fees for a full year. The goal of the center is to encourage maximum exposure of students, faculty, and the larger community to the ideas which best exemplify the human condition and the values which help to define it.

### Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service

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Southern Utah University's Michael O. Leavitt Center for Politics and Public Service is located in the Special Collection area on the Garden Level of the library. This center is a non-partisan, interdisciplinary organization dedicated to preparing students to serve as responsible and educated leaders in a democratic society.

The Leavitt Center seeks to prepare students in four distinct ways. First, through providing internship and leadership experience, the Leavitt Center broadens student's careers and professional opportunities. Second, through promoting citizenship awareness, the Center enhances political participation both within and beyond the university. Third, through providing opportunities and recognition for humanitarian service, the Leavitt Center fosters the spirit of service and volunteerism for the benefit of the nation and the world. And finally, the center provides access to research sources including the papers and artifacts of Michael O. Leavitt.

