

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.

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 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. The network operating within the building connects the campus to approximately 24,000 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 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.

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. Eight study rooms where students may work in pairs or small groups are available on the upper two floors of the building. Five study rooms are equipped with projectors for group work. Traditional library carrels, study tables, and lounge furniture are integrated into the library.

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 Howard R. Driggs room contains materials collected by Dr. Driggs about the American trails. The hours for Special Collections are Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Other times by appointment.

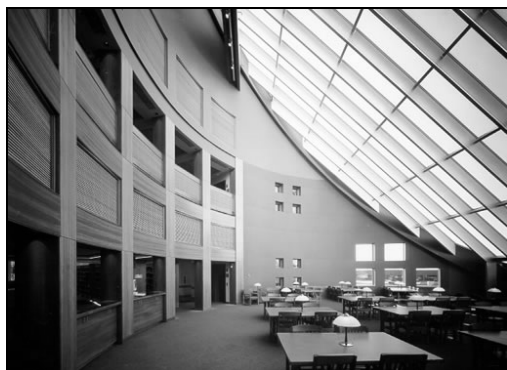
The Media/Curriculum Collection includes video tapes, DVD's, computer programs, recordings, pictures, CD's, books on tape, charts, maps, models, and current public school curriculum materials.

A library instruction/electronic 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.



MICHAEL O. LEAVITT CENTER FOR POLITICS & PUBLIC SERVICE

Contact: Doug Larson

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Website: <http://archive.li.suu.edu:8080/archive/leavitt.jsp>

Southern Utah University's Michael O. Leavitt Collection is located in the Special Collection area on the Garden Level of the library. The Leavitt Room provides visitors an opportunity to view a sample of the many gifts and memorabilia collected by Michael Leavitt during his eleven years as governor of Utah. This room is available for meetings, video conferences and viewing programs that foster the mission of the collection. When completed, this virtual collection will contain all available items via web access including press releases, proclamations, executive orders, sound recordings, videotapes, DVD's, photographs, diaries, and speeches.



GRACE A. TANNER CENTER FOR HUMAN VALUES

Director: James W. Harrison

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Funded by the Tanner Trust for Utah Universities through the generosity of the late Professor Obert C. and Mrs. Grace A. Tanner, the Center provides a focal point and physical setting for the annual Grace Adams Tanner Lecture in Human Values. Additional programs sponsored annually include the Distinguished Faculty Honor Lecture; the Grace A. Tanner Scholarship (covering tuition and fees for a full year); and the Tanner Symposium. 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. The resources of the Tanner Room, including the Tanner Philosophical Library, are available for reference in the pursuit of these ideas and values. Located in the Special Collections area on the Garden Level of the library, the Tanner Center is open Monday through Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. for study and use of research materials. For more information about the Grace A. Tanner Center for Human Values, please visit www.suu.edu/tanner.



