GERALD R. SHERRATT LIBRARY

History

The library opened its doors in the Spring semester of 1996. It is named after former Southern Utah University President Gerald R. Sherratt. When the library moved from the ELC, a symbolic chain of students, faculty, staff, and community members were formed to start moving books from the old library [now the ELC] to the new library. This was only done for a few of the books, in recognition of when the books were moved from an older library via a human chain.

Fun Facts

- The Garden of Symbols is a unique fountain with water seeping from one sandstone spire, surrounded by symbols of communication including ancient and modern alphabets.
- In the 1920's, students were required to be in the library from 8:00 to 3:30 everyday, except when they were in normally scheduled classes.
- The library now holds the Michael O. Leavitt Collection which was donated in the Spring of 2006.

Inside the Gerald R. Sherratt Library

- 1,200 work stations available for studying and 7 study rooms.
- 100 computer workstations, where students have easy on-line access to the library's collection, are able to seek reference assistance, or consult electronic databases through the library's integrated system. Each computer is connected to the schools network with high-speed internet access capabilities.
- Special Collections [materials and artifacts that are rare, expensive, or in need of special handling.]
- The Huntsman Reading Room, is a two-story sky-lit rotunda used for studying. The Reading Room is a great place for students to come study, read, or meditate in the comfort of the naturally lit room.
- Network and internet hookups are also available on the second level of the library for students with laptop computers, as well as wireless internet throughout the building.
- The curriculum library and juvenile collection are both valuable resources for prospective teachers. The curriculum library contains textbooks and other materials, and the juvenile collection contains a fiction and non-fiction collection used in teacher education.
- Two electronic classrooms
- Media Collection
- Copy Center
- Series Reading Area
- 245,000+ volumes [books]

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