



# UTSA Libraries

The University of Texas at San Antonio

## OVERVIEW

The University of Texas at San Antonio Libraries System advances research and education, stimulates discovery and creativity, and engages and transforms our diverse communities by providing distinctive expertise, high-quality information resources, inspirational spaces, and innovative services. UTSA Libraries is comprised of nationally recognized research libraries, helping UTSA maintain its R1 Carnegie Classification. UTSA's four libraries include the John Peace Library (JPL), the Downtown Campus Library (DTL), the HemisFair Park Library, and the Applied Engineering and Technology Library. Together, these spaces accelerate the university's mission on research excellence and provide a world-class experience for UTSA's increasing student and faculty populations.



## CHALLENGE

UTSA's Special Collections' archives and rare books are stored in secure, climate-controlled facilities to ensure their safety and preservation. These collections are available for reading room use by students, faculty, researchers, and the community. To reduce barriers to access, Special Collections digitizes and provides free online access to its material. While Special Collections can only provide online access to a small fraction of its

total holdings, it is committed to selecting material for digitization that will increase the availability of the most heavily used collections, promoting those with high research value and aiding in reducing wear and tear to the most fragile collections. Special Collections currently has over 42,000 digitized items online from more than 25 different collections, with more are added annually.



## IMPACT

UTSA Libraries has prioritized several goals to continue advancing student success and research excellence. With over 10,000 student visits per day, UTSA's John Peace Library (JPL) is a primary resource for students in their studies and social lives. UTSA Libraries Special Collections serves an average of 700 patrons per year and virtual services are provided via email to an average of 65 researchers per month. In addition, Special Collections has over 42,000 digitized items online from more than 25 different collections, with more are added annually. The UTSA Libraries Art Collection also includes over 2,700 works by more than 600 established and emerging artists. The Collection boldly reflects the university's tireless support of art and education in the community.

These valuable resources allow students to conduct independent research projects and substantial academic work that translates to active researching, delving into archives and digital resources, using specialized search engines, and accessing the expertise of trained research librarians. University Libraries is focused on expanding and renovating its library spaces and technology to expose more students to art, literature, and culture and provide access to valuable resources that will enhance higher research activity.

## GOALS

- **Renovation of the John Peace Library Third Floor** will expand critical study and collaboration spaces, and enrich the student experience.
- A **Special Collections Endowment** will strengthen efforts to build distinctive collections, raise the research profile of the university, increase educational opportunities and preserve the history of San Antonio and South Texas.
- An **Art Collections Endowment** will support the accessibility of numerous art collections for students and the community, while integrating the pieces of artwork into educational curriculums, with a particular focus on Mexican American and South Texas artists.



## PHILANTHROPIC OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) has launched a comprehensive campaign to support UTSA's 10-Year-Strategic Vision introduced by President Taylor Eighmy in 2017. **Be Bold: A Campaign for Our Future**, which also extends 10 years and has a working goal of \$500 million, is focused on providing the infrastructure and resources needed to become a model for student success and research discovery.

**Endowments** help foster excellence in research and support high-quality teaching and learning, and **Capital Projects** provide the necessary spaces to stimulate learning, research, creativity, and collaboration. The University of Texas at San Antonio also welcomes the opportunity to discuss a naming opportunity that can provide support beyond bricks and mortar. Supporting a naming opportunity can allow for major academic and programmatic transformations that will elevate UTSA to greater levels of excellence and increase its competitiveness on a global scale. Below are opportunities to support UTSA Libraries:

- The John Peace Library Third Floor Renovation
- UTSA Libraries Study Rooms and Collaboration Spaces
- The UTSA Libraries Makerspace
- The UTSA Libraries Technology Fund
- The UTSA Libraries Endowment for Special Collections
- The Expansion of Special Collections Digitization
- The Naming of the Special Collections Digitization Lab
- The Special Collections Archival Process
- The Endowment for Distinctive Collections
- The Acquiring Distinctive Collections Process
- The Faculty Teaching in the Archives (FTIA) Grant
- The Endowment for the UTSA Libraries Arts Collection
- The Naming of a UTSA Libraries Art Display Wall

UTSA has multiple avenues available to make an incredible impact. Gifts made annually can provide scholarship, research, and programmatic support across all areas. Gifts made through certain assets also have many benefits and include stock, IRAs, donor advised funds, real estate, life insurance, intellectual property, collectibles, matching gifts, in-kind gifts, estate gifts, and more.

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