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Annual Report

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About
UAB Libraries

UAB Libraries provide access to an array of rich and diverse scholarly resources that inform intellectual, cultural, social, and economic transformation of its community, while also providing the essential expertise to support excellence in education, research, patient care, and community outreach that collectively advance the success and impact of the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Inside the Report

A message from the
Dean of UAB Libraries

Dear UAB Libraries community,

Producing an annual report is a great excuse to reflect on the libraries' accomplishments in the past academic year, and it is my honor and pleasure to do so.

We continue to grow our Human Resources — the critical backbone to all endeavors. Between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023, we welcomed the following new faculty and staff: Lindsey Baird, Greg Carr, Beth Hall, Danielle Hassan, Ayyona Hatcher, Haley Herfurth, Amanda Jenkins, Grayson Murphy, Sydney Orason, Aaron Pahl, Amy Reese, Melanie Watts, Lauren Wheeler, and Patricia West. We are thrilled to have you on board!

The libraries made impressive strides in all areas, as demonstrated by the noteworthy numbers. We were visited by more than 650,000 users, and the bookings of group study rooms — refreshed and equipped with collaborative technology — grew by 56% (from 19,050 to 29,700). Librarians led a record number of 1,017 instruction sessions, consultations, and workshops for a total of 11,151 participants — an increase of 44% in the number of instruction sessions and 51% in the number of students. The Office of Scholarly Communication reached 2,327 participants through workshops and trainings and held 101 consultations with UAB patrons. Interlibrary Loan filled 14,448 lending and 4,101 borrowing requests. We launched the university's institutional repository, UAB Digital Commons, presently populated with 1,398 papers that were downloaded 7,163 times. We added 142 databases, 250 journals, and 25,700 e-books in subscriptions and through individual purchases. The Digital Services Lab digitized and preserved 15,279 individual images.

See the full report for more details.

We were able to implement several facility upgrades, including museum-grade storage in renovated museum vaults, environmental monitoring in Historical Collections, a minor renovation of the 3D Printing Lab and LibLab at Sterne, roof replacement at Lister Hill (in progress), and adding a new door between the newly reopened Starbucks and Sterne to allow for through traffic, to mention a few.

Another exciting development was finding a naming donor for the Historical Collections Gallery, Dr. Dennis Pappas, Sr., a longtime supporter, donor, and friend to the UAB Historical Collections. The gallery is going to be transformative for showcasing, curating, and promoting our growing historical materials. I want to extend a warm thank-you to Dr. Pappas and his family for the generous gift.

And, of course, my sincere thank-you to all of you for all that you do. Go Blazers!

Sincerely,
Kasia Gonnerman

Research, Instruction, & Scholarly Communication

Departments
- Lister Hill Library Clinical, Academic, & Research Engagement (CARE)
- Sterne Library Research & Learning Department

Mission
- Liaison outreach and library instruction to the UAB schools and the College of Arts and Sciences
- Staffing LibChat and half of the Sterne Library HUB desk
- Assisting with and participating in systematic reviews and expert searches
- Creating and maintaining relevant LibGuides and other tools
- Collection development of print and electronic materials

Staffing

Sterne Library: 11 (8 faculty librarians / 3 professional staff)
- 1 Department Head
- 5 Liaison Librarians (Social Sciences, STEM, Collat School of Business, Engineering, and Fine Arts)
- 2 Specialty Librarians (Media Literacy, Freshman Composition and Student Success)
- 1 HUB Desk Supervisor
- 2 Hub Desk staff members

Two additional positions are set to be filled (Collection Development Librarian and Liaison for Education), bringing the total staffing to 13.

Lister Hill Library: 8 (6 faculty librarians / 2 professional staff)
- 1 Department Head (serves as liaison to Heersink School of Medicine)
- 4 Liaison Librarians (Nursing, Public Health, Health Professions, Dentistry, and Optometry)
- 1 Specialty Librarian (Systematic Review Coordinator)
- 2 professional staff positions (Systematic Review Library Associate (part-time) and Library Associate)

Two additional positions are set to be filled (Collection Development Librarian and Community Health & Consumer Outreach Librarian), bringing the total staffing to 10.

New Hires
During the reporting period, 3 new faculty librarians were hired:
- Liaison to the School of Nursing
- Liaison to the School of Engineering
- Freshman Composition and Student Success Librarian

Two new professional staff members were hired in Lister Hill Library:
- Systematic Review Library Associate (part-time)
- Library Associate

The new Media Literacy Librarian position was created by reassigning duties to a current liaison librarian. The position meets a growing information need and places the UAB Libraries on the leading edge of this field among academic libraries in the U.S. Similarly, the new Systematic Review Coordinator position was created by reassigning duties to a current liaison librarian.

Instruction

During the review period, librarians led a total of 1,017 instruction sessions, consultations, and workshops for a total of 11,151 students or participants. This represents a year-over-year increase of 44% in the number of instruction sessions and 51% in the number of students.

Current review period instruction breakdown:

	Number of sessions	Students / Participants
Consultations with librarians	644	883
Faculty requested instruction	270	7,683
Workshops	84	2,136
Community	19	449
Total Instruction	**1,017**	**11,151**

Year-over-year total instruction comparison:

Legend: ■ Number of Sessions ■ Students/Participants

	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Number of Sessions	644	706	1,017
Students/Participants	7,971	7,379	11,151
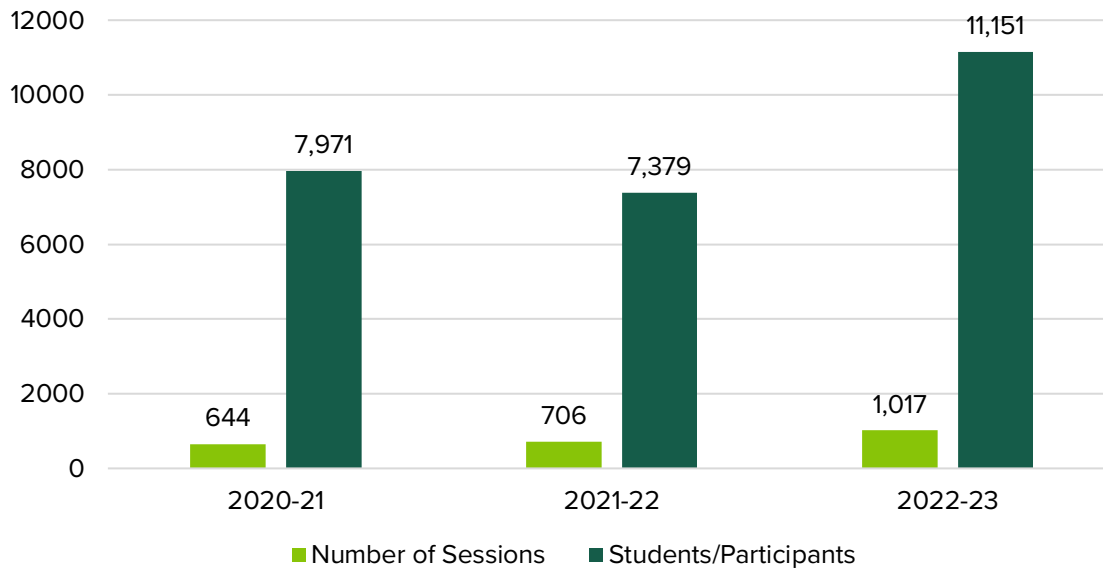
LibGuides

LibGuides continue to be heavily used. At the end of the review period, there were a total of 235 published LibGuides that had been viewed a total 323,416 times. LibGuides views fell year-over-year from 430,545. Views are still significantly up over pre-Covid numbers, however. During the review year immediately before the Covid outbreak, there were 181,182 views of 263 LibGuides.

Top 10 most-viewed LibGuides

- APA 7th ed. — 65,609
- Reviews: From Systematic to Narrative — 23,525
- EndNote (Desktop Version) — 17,800
- PubMed via LHL — 16,158
- UAB Libraries — 15,661
- Witchcraft, Women & the Healing Arts in the Early Modern Period — 15,217
- Monsters, Marvels, and Mythical Beasts — 13,405
- School of Medicine Students — 8,341
- Citation Styles — 8,169
- EndNote Online (formerly EndNote Web) — 7,357
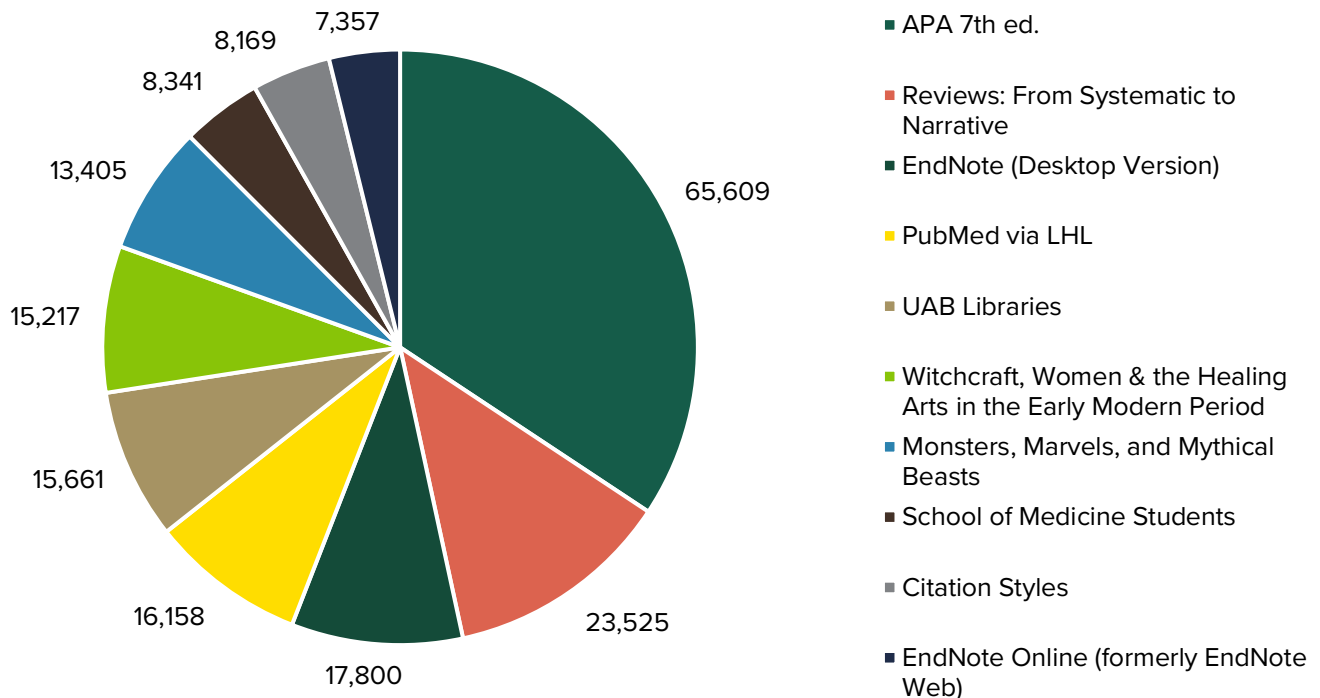
Chat Services
Chat is available between 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday for a total of 45 hours per week and is staffed with librarians and staff from both of the RISC Reference departments.

The UAB Libraries Chat Services (Chat) continue to be heavily used, with 2,345 chats being answered during the review period. This is a year-over-year decline of 14%. The percentage of chat queries classified as "reference or research" increased from 81% to 88% over the previous year. Twelve percent of chats were classified as "informational."

Office of Scholarly Communication
The Office of Scholarly Communication (OSC) completed its second full year of operation this year and received high praise from the UAB community. The OSC continued to expand its reach throughout campus, providing support to faculty, staff, and students on both the academic and health sciences sides of campus. Research Data Management (RDM) activities were extensively expanded this year to include support such as data interviews, Data Management Plan review, and data repository selection.

Support is provided through one-on-one and small group consultations, workshops, and training sessions. Support is also provided through extensive point-of-need email support, answering a wide variety of time-sensitive questions.

OSC support included, but was not limited to, assistance with:
- Copyright compliance in course planning and content selection
- Open access journal selection and predatory publishing analysis
- Data management planning and repository selection
- Data interview and Data Management Plan (DMP) review
- Approving Wiley and Cambridge University Press open access Read & Publish requests
- Reviewing and approving Article Processing Charge funding from UAB Libraries' APC funding pilot
- Selecting appropriate Creative Commons licenses to meet scholarly needs
- Publishing agreement guidance for both books and journal articles
- Classroom use and Canvas use of copyrighted materials
- Use of copyright materials in the classroom and Canvas
- Fulfilling CCC licensing requests for the UA System Counsel's Office

Staffing
The OSC has 1 full-time faculty librarian, Research Data Management Librarian. The Associate Dean for Research & Scholarly Communication also serves as the Director of the OSC and works closely with the RDM Librarian to provide a robust suite of services to the UAB Community. The Repository Outreach Librarian was a member of the OSC for 6 months but was moved to the Digitization & Digital Preservation Department.

Webinars, Workshops, and Events
The OSC led 68 workshops, trainings, or presentations during the review period for a total of 2,327 participants.

A selection of the workshops is below:
- Copyright and the Legalities of Academic Writing (SON 760: Scientific Dissemination)
- GRD 717 Responsible Conduct of Research: RDM
- Webinar Tutorial: Switch from Quartzy to LabArchives Inventory

- The Administrative Assistant's Guide to Herding Cats and Faculty Publications
- Publishing considerations: Open access and predatory publishers
- LabArchives Template and Widget Building Basics
- Data Management at Work
- LS 501: Copyright and Libraries: what you should know
- Data Management Plans 101
- ODT Series: Developing Instructional Materials for your Courses
- Data Management Practices For electronic lab notebooks (ELNs)
- Data Management Plans for NIH grants: A how to guide
- NIH Data Management and Sharing Plans for Center Grants
- Data literacy and visualization
- UAB Approach the NIH DMS Policy
- 2023 and me Part 2: How to write a data management plan for NIH grants
- Elevate your research with RDM
- Altmetric and Dimensions: Tools for gauging scholarly impact
- NIH DMSP for OOR Directors
- 2023 and me: An overview of the new NIH Data management and sharing policy
- Top 5 things to know about the 2023 NIH DMS policy
- RDM an essential skillset for immunology research
- NIH Data Management and Sharing Plans
- Elevate your Research with data management
- Save time and your sanity with RDM
- Elevate your Research With sound literature search strategies and data management
- Developing Instructional Materials for Your Courses
- Reading Between the Charts: Data Visualization and Media Literacy
- LabArchives for Researchers
- Elevate Engineering R&D with sound data management
- LabArchives Electronic Lab Notebook 101
- Making the most of your undergraduate research experience: RDM 101
- Copyright and the School Media Specialist (for UA SLIS LS 504: Media Production & Utilization class)
- Copyright and academic writing: What you should know
- Copyright and the Legalities of Academic Writing
- Best practices for copyright compliance in blended and online courses
- Developing Instructional Materials for your Courses
- Identifying and Avoiding Predatory Publishers
- Scholarly Publications and Editorial Boards: Their impact on promotion and tenure and academic reputation
- Making the most out of faculty profiles and scholars

Open Access Week & Love Data Week

The OSC planned events for both Open Access (OA) Week 2022 and Love Data Week 2022. OA Week events included:
- A statewide panel via Zoom titled "Expanding Open Access Scholarship on Your Campus: A Statewide Panel Discussion" with 107 registrations
- A UAB focused panel via Zoom titled "Why Publish Open Access? A Panel Discussion" with 62 registrations
- An OER tabling event at the Hill Student Center to promote affordable learning materials

Love Data Week events included hands-on data visualization posters throughout the Sterne Library. Both weeks were heavily promoted on social media.

Consultations

During the review period, the OSC held 101 scholarly communication related consultations with UAB patrons. Fifty-one of the consultations were with UAB faculty, 20 were with UAB staff, and 11 were with UAB graduate students. Forty-six of the consultations were related to data management planning. Seventy-six of the consultations were held online via Zoom.

Point-of-Need information support

The OSC provides extensive point-of-need information support to the entire UAB campus. This support typically begins with direct email or phone contact by a UAB user. Questions range in scope and complexity but usually require 1) At least some additional research and 2) multiple follow-up and clarification emails. Some questions may also lead to longer Zoom consultations.

During the review period, the OSC received 140 point-of-need information/research requests. This is up year-over-year from 80 requests last year. This was an increase of 75%. The most common questions related to data management plans (32%), Wiley Read & Publish agreement (10%), APC fund (10%), and open access (6%).

Interlibrary Loan & Document Delivery Department

The Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery Department (ILL) had another productive year, ranking 4th highest lending fill rate among ASERL libraries. ILL is staffed by one staff Supervisor and three ILL Associates. No new positions were added in ILL.

During the review period, ILL filled 13,202 lending requests for articles and 1,246 requests for books for other libraries. During the same period, 3,260 borrowing requests for articles and 841 borrowing requests for books were filled for UAB patrons. Four thousand, four hundred and fifty-four (4,454) of the lending requests and 2,953 of the borrowing requests were filled through RapidILL. Two thousand, one hundred and seventy-one (2,171) document delivery requests were also filled during the period. Lending and borrowing activity over the past three academic years is provided in the evidence.

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841 borrowing requests for books filled for UAB patrons

7,407 borrowing requests fulfilled through RapidILL

2,171 document delivery requests fulfilled

Technology & Technical Services

UAB Libraries' Technology and Technical Services Department currently consists of three main sub departments including Emerging Technology and System Development, Digitization and Digital Preservation, and Resource Acquisitions and Metadata Services. As a team, we work across all areas of UAB Libraries and UAB campuses to support a variety of systems, repositories, resources, digital assets, hardware, technologies, databases, websites, and services. Our team culture embraces diversity and change while promoting collaboration and professional growth.

Over the past few years our division has doubled in size. We are currently operating with one faculty associate dean, three faculty department heads, three staff lab/unit managers, eight faculty librarians, one staff system administrator, three staff associates, and eighteen student assistants. We currently have one vacant faculty position and two vacant support staff positions. Over the past year we successfully recruited and welcomed several new members to our team including Danielle Hassan (Systems Librarian), Greg Carr (Emerging Technologies Librarian), Aaron Pahl (Digital Curation Librarian), Amy Reese (Institutional Repository Outreach Librarian), and Grayson Murphy (Digital Preservation Librarian). The recruitment of these positions has been an ongoing effort to strengthen the infrastructure of our departments and increase services to the organization and the university. In the coming year, we hope to fill the current vacancies in our areas and focus on continuing to build up

our support staff and student assistant infrastructure to fine tune our services and provide the best possible experience to our users and the extended UAB community.

Emerging Technology and System Development Department (ETSD)

The Emerging Technology and System Development Team provides services in the areas of systems administration, IT support, electronic access, hardware management, technology lab development, and hands-on training for a variety of specialized devices, software, resources, and systems. The department leads the libraries' efforts to increase technological and digital literacy and create awareness of technology best practices, emerging trends, and integrations across a variety of academic disciplines and career fields. User engagement and improved experience is at the core of our mission, striving to expose our users to immersive learning experiences, safe and inclusive development workspaces, and intuitive web-based environments where all members of the UAB community can grow and thrive.

The past year was a year of expansion and growth for the ETSD Team. Three new librarians joined our team this year, including Danielle Hassan, who filled a long-vacant position for Systems Librarian, Greg Carr, who joined as the new Emerging Technologies Librarian, and Beth Hall, who moved from another department to become the new Electronic Access and Discovery Librarian.

Emerging Technology / Technology Labs

Over the past year our technology labs have seen a large increase in use, especially in the areas of specialized hardware circulation, extended reality consultations, and 3D printing requests. This year we finalized the libraries' Emerging Technology Operations Reestablishment Plan, and we are working on completing a three-year planning roadmap for spaces and services.

100% increase in circulating technology (360 → 725)

90% increase in completed 3D prints (743 → 1,415)

Aside from managing technology-driven spaces and services, we hosted or participated in several augmented-reality related events and activities including an extended reality demo day for several university leaders, a presentation at the Marnix E. Heersink Metahealth Symposium, hosted by the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation, and two demo events with representatives from GigXR and Transfr for extended reality product demonstrations in Lister Hill Library.

Building up infrastructure in Virtual Reality content has been a challenge for a variety of reasons, but we have successfully researched, made active purchase requests for, and received, several new content items to be made available on the circulating headsets and in the labs in the near future.

In Fall 2022 Sterne Library 3D Printing was renovated; a window and new countertops were added to the space to increase visual appeal and awareness. In April 2023, new furniture was installed in Sterne Library 3D Printing and the Sterne Library LibLab to create comfortable and inviting spaces for library users to focus on expanding knowledge and creativity.

The UAB Libraries Technology Labs and their team's work and collaborations continue to be recognized by university relations on a regular basis and two articles were printed in the eReporter this year to highlight activities.

- [Curious about virtual reality? Get hands-on and learn how the technology is being used today at UAB.](#)
- [What could you do with a 3D printer? 12 fellow Blazers show off their projects.](#)

7,410 minutes occupied on workstations

23 workshops, **16** consultations, **4** instruction sessions

20,035 total visits across 4 labs

System Development

The library Systems Team has been busy this past year, leading and participating in a variety of system enhancement and maintenance projects.

In late 2022 we completed the migration to a hosted proxy instance and added an analytics component that will provide the libraries with an expanded view into the use of electronic resources and services. As part of this migration, the team also imported and tested all entries in the local proxy instance, updated 3,000 links in the LibGuides system, reconfigured database linking in the A-Z database list, updated all resource recommender links, reconfigured single sign-on access and entry points, and held several informational meetings to communicate changes to stakeholders.

In January 2023, the Systems Team created a three-year roadmap for system development projects. The plan primarily includes identifying opportunities to create efficiencies within library operations by implementing best practices across our systems. Some examples include merging OCLC symbols and cataloging subscriptions to streamline workflows and reduce unnecessary costs, reconfiguring Alma policies related to location naming conventions, user accounts, fines and fees, fulfillment periods, etc., and investigating pathways for creating dashboards and other analytics tools to provide data that can be used to support data-driven decision making within the organization.

We have been meeting regularly with User Access staff to help improve and streamline systems and hardware management processes as they relate to circulation and access. In late 2023 the Systems Team began working with User Access to eliminate book fines and reconfigure Alma policies and procedures related to print circulation. Another collaboration earlier in the year was to establish and document a process for tracking lost and missing items, which ultimately involved several departments.

Aside from these projects, members of ETSD have been actively working to manage content and overhaul menu structures and landing pages for the library website. Some of the enhancements include a new calendar and events widget, and the creation of advertising space on the main page. We also updated the layout for the libraries ILLiad login page and provided oversight for the updates to several ILLiad forms.

744,151 individual sessions initiated in the Discovery Platform

555,467 basic searches performed in Online Search

116,906 database access clicks on the A-Z Database Page

Technological/Digital Literacy

In addition to the departmental accomplishments, members of the ETSD department have been active in providing workshops, consultations, and informational updates to library personnel and to members of the UAB community.

- Danielle Hassan has begun recording the Systems Stich, a short video, released quarterly, that provides an update on current systems projects, performance on tasks managed in the Technology and Technical Services ticketing system, and information on a selected library system or software tool. Danielle has highlighted LibKey Nomad and Syndetics Unbound integrations in Systems Sitch recordings to date.
- Allen Dickerson presented a lecture on Generative AI tools that was well-attended by library personnel and members of the UAB Community
- Patrick Boggs led 16 3D printer training workshops, and provided 13 3D printing consultations to UAB Students, Faculty, and Staff.
- Dorothy Ogdon provided 4 instruction sessions, 7 workshops, and 3 consultations for students and faculty on Emerging Technologies Topics. Dorothy Ogdon was also invited to the Qatar National Library in Doha, Qatar to give a presentation on Artificial Intelligence in Libraries. Dorothy gave two talks and two workshops at the Qatar National Library as part of the trip.
- The Team began hosting *Read-Only Fridays,* an informal monthly gathering for library personnel to generate ideas about ways to solve problems or be creative in library work using technology. *Read-Only Fridays* topics have covered searching in the Alma sandbox, 3D printer training, augmented reality in research posters, and general topics of interest related to artificial intelligence.

Professional and Community Engagement

This past year, the ETSD Team has also worked to become involved in several professional organizations and working groups:

- Member, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries Digital Content Committee (Danielle Hassan)
- Alternate Faculty Senator for UAB Libraries (Dorothy Ogdon)
- Member, Alabama Library Association Round Table: Intellectual Freedom Committee (Beth Hall)
- Member Digital Strategies
- Member, American Medical Extended Reality Association (AMXRA) (Dorothy Ogdon)
- Member, Faculty Development Committee (Danielle Hassan)
- Chair, ALLA Round Table: Technology and Technical Services (Dorothy Ogdon)
- Member, Round Table: American Library Association New Members (Danielle Hassan)
- Member, UAB Conflict of Interest Review Board (Dorothy Ogdon)
- Non-scientist Member, UAB Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (Dorothy Ogdon)
- Member, ALA New Members Round Table Awards Committee (Danielle Hassan)
- Mentor, UAB Health Educators Academy (Dorothy Ogdon)
- Member, ALLA Round Table: Technology and Technical Services Committee (Beth Hall, Danielle Hassan)
- Information Security Liaison, UAB IT (Danielle Hassan, Allen Dickerson, Kevin Hebert)
- Unity Academic Alliance (UAB Libraries)
- Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality Association (VRARA) (UAB Libraries)

Additionally, we worked to increase access to information about circulating hardware collections and lab services with the creation of several technology collection landing pages, library webpages, and LibGuides.

Digitization and Digital Preservation Department (DnD)

The Digitization and Digital Preservation Team provides services in the areas of digital imaging and visual resources, digital preservation, digital collection development and curation, digital exhibits/scholarship support, institutional repository management, and digital asset management. Increasing discoverability and use of hidden collections through digitization and curation is at the core of our mission, while also building awareness of digital preservation best practices and developing infrastructure to support long term preservation strategies for the organization.

The past year was a year of expansion and growth for the DnD Team. Three new librarians joined our team this year, including Grayson Murphy, who joined as the new Digital Preservation Librarian, Aaron Pahl, who joined as the new Digital Curation Librarian, and Amy Reese, who joined as the Institutional Repository Outreach Librarian, having formerly been a member of the Office of Scholarly Communication.

Digital Services Lab

The Digital Services Lab continued to evolve this year with a new, inviting, consultation space, improved workstations for imaging and preservation, four new student assistants, and finalized workflows for digital services. The new production process involves a number of steps to ensure proper preservation and access to digital materials including transfer of custody, digital capture, packaging, file transfer, adjustments for presentation, and upload to digital display platforms. Our Student Assistants are trained in workflow implementation, technical processing, security, safe handling of rare materials, Federal Agencies Digital Guidelines Initiative compliant imaging, and preservation best practices. Our Digital Imaging Manager oversees their daily work to ensure quality control throughout the process.

357 objects scanned in the Digital Services Lab

15,279 individual images digitized, analyzed, packaged, & preserved

This year our department also provided visual resource support for several areas and events within the organization that included physical and digital exhibits, large format printing projects, and graphic design requests. Some of the highlights include:

- Provided visual resources and related services for the Sterne Library exhibit, "Madness: A Complicated History"
- Fulfilled 31 visual resources service requests, including filming candidate videos, capturing website headshots and photographs, poster printing, and graphic design
- Consulted with UAB faculty member on visual resources for a course on the history of the book
- Researched, installed, and calibrated EPSON p9000 large format printer

Digital Preservation and Asset Management

This year, our digital preservation work focused on solidifying workflows, expanding our presence in the digital preservation community, and ingesting our digital assets into preservation at scale.

In late Spring we finalized the process for packaging and ingesting data into Academic Preservation Trust using their Amazon Web Services solution and finally reached our goal of ingesting our first

digital assets into distributed preservation storage. A few months later we reached our goal of moving up on the list of contributors and landed in 13th place out of 25 institutions.

2.8TB total data in distributed digital preservation (APTrust)

While testing ingest and working through the preservation process on our local storage devices, we researched functionality of several open-source solutions for asset management and are hoping to develop workflows for local preservation if the software is approved for use on campus.

This year we also continued to explore the functionality of our secondary Cloud storage solution, Azure. Our initial solution was Azure Blob Storage using the "Archive Store" tier for "cold" storage. With some inconsistencies found in the pricing model, we are currently working with UAB IT to explore other options that will be cost-effective and sustainable over the coming decade.

A new service established this year by the department was web archiving. We researched possible web archiving solutions to preserve UAB's web presence both past and present. In the coming year we plan to contract with Archive-It and begin crawling UAB websites and social media. Archive-It, a product of the Internet Archive, will allow us to build and share archived collections of UAB websites, social media, and other important web documents and materials.

Digital Collections Curation, Access, and Management

Since the hire of the Digital Curation Librarian in April 2023, we focused our efforts to improve the organization of our digital collections and to rebuild relationships with stakeholders internally and across campus. To this effort, several strategic planning goals were accomplished including:

- Expansion and updates to the digital collections survey performed in 2021
- Creation and maintenance for DIPstore, a repository for access-master copied of digital assets
- Creation of an intake checklist for the acquisition of new digital collections including clear expectations of collaborators, stakeholders, and the DnD department
- Creation of several templates for rights documentation and MOUs including deeds of gifts and non-exclusive license agreements
- Enhanced the digital collections landing page, including improving collection titles and descriptions to better represent and promote UAB's 32 publicly accessible digital collections
- Created transcriptions and closed captioning for 88 audio recordings from this collection, with 77 of these being fully cataloged and made publicly accessible
- Created metadata template in CONTENTdm for the new Town and Gown digital collection, making these valuable programs accessible for the first time

11 new digital collections initiated, scanned, and processed
58,068 individual page views for UAB Libraries Digital Collections

Institutional Repository Management and Development

In June 2023, management of the Institutional Repository was transferred from the Office of Scholarly Communication to Technology and Technical Services and housed locally within the Digitization and Digital Preservation Department, to build a stronger technical team and incorporate IR asset management into existing curation and preservation workflows. Some of the efforts over the past year include:

- Creation of a process utilizing xml-encoded metadata for a crosswalk process that will allow rapid uploading of UAB Electronic Theses & Dissertations (ETDs)
- Creation of a method of structuring content that is user-centered and focused on discovery of content by type, which makes content accessible to those unfamiliar with UAB's institutional structure
- Creation of Institutional Repository Collection Guidelines

700 open access items in Institutional Repository (UAB Digital Commons)

1,263 individual access requests from the Institutional Repository

The Institutional Repository Outreach Librarian continued to liaison to stakeholders and content creators across the university, uploading and organizing content including collection guidelines, student ETDs, faculty publications, campus news, and UAB Publications.

Professional Engagement

This past year, the DnD Team has worked to become involved in several professional organizations, committees, and working groups:
- Member, Alabama Digital Preservation Network Steering Committee (Grayson Murphy, Luke Menzies, Kevin Hebert)
- Member, Academic Preservation Trust Certification Working Group (Grayson Murphy)
- Member, APTrust Advisory Committee (Luke Menzies, Grayson Murphy, Kevin Hebert)
- Member, APTrust Archivists Working Group (Aaron Pahl)
- Board Liaison, APTrust Governing Board (Kevin Hebert)
- Incoming Chair, ADPNet Steering Committee (Kevin Hebert)
- National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) (UAB Libraries)
- Academic Preservation Trust - APTrust (UAB Libraries)
- Alabama Digital Preservation Network - ADPNet (UAB Libraries)
- Alabama Mosaic (UAB Libraries)
- National Digital Stewardship Alliance – NDSA (UAB Libraries)
- Member, UAB Commission for the Status of Women (Kelly Schiff)
- Co-Chair, UAB CSW Suits for Success Committee (Kelly Schiff)
- Member, Network of Alabama Academic Libraries Digital Content Committee (Aaron Pahl)

We are striving to stay current in cultural heritage digitization. Some of our professional engagement includes:

- Networked with cultural heritage imaging professionals at Digital Libraries Federation (DLF) Forum 2022, learning about successful grant projects as well as best practices for cultural heritage digitization
- Engaged with regional digital cultural heritage experts at the Alabama Mosaic/ Alabama Digital Preservation Network annual meeting

We also launched our departmental wiki which contains departmental information, workflow documentation, project overviews, and departmental policies and best practices. Our wiki provides transparency for our services and processes and creates an online space for our stakeholders to learn more about the department.

Resource Acquisitions & Metadata Services (RAMS)

The Resource Acquisitions and Metadata Services Team provides services in the areas of vendor relations, contract negotiation, licensing, purchasing, shipping, receiving, resource/records management, metadata creation and enhancement, repository maintenance, and physical materials processing. Facilitating access to resources of all formats through efficient acquisitions and processing procedures and increasing discoverability of cataloged resources through regular repository maintenance and record enhancement is at the core of our mission. These efforts combine to provide robust academic collections that support research and learning across the university.

This past year has shown some difficulty in recruiting librarians for metadata services, and we currently have one open Metadata Librarian position and an open Acquisitions Associate position. We hope to fill these positions in the coming months and continue to identify gaps in services and grow these areas as needed.

Resource Acquisitions

This past year, we negotiated and licensed several new resources, both print and electronic, and maintained contracts for all current resources. We also licensed several systems and collection management tools and reviewed journal titles in large packages with Elsevier/Science Direct, SpringerNature, Sage, and Cambridge for accuracy. Some examples of the new primary source databases, newspaper collections, and other licensed content include:

- Adam Matthew primary source historical collections
- Mergent archival collections (FTSE/RUSSELL, SEC Historical, MDDI, etc.)
- ClinicalKey Student, F.A. Davis AT Collection, Dynamed and DynamedMX
- Readex historical newspaper collections

25,700 e-books added in subscriptions and individual purchases

142 new primary source, newspapers, and licensed content databases added

250 new multidiscipline and STEM/Health Sciences journals added

Some of our collaborations across campus include:

- *The Wiley transformative agreement,* an agreement that added access to over 70 new journal subscriptions. In addition, this new agreement covers the article processing charges for the first 100 qualifying UAB authors. For those UAB authors who are not a part of the first 100, the agreement provided a 15% discount on the article processing charges when selecting the open access publish option.
- *OVID Synthesis,* a valuable tool to support evidence-based practice and project management for the health sciences. This tool is being used by various health sciences departments/programs to track students' progress on projects, aid in departments' program accreditation, etc.
- The *Institute of Physics (IOP) transformative agreement* that covers article processing charges for all UAB authors selecting the open access publish option.

1.7M combined visits to scholarly databases and online resources

2.4M combined full-text article downloads from online journals

Metadata Services

The Metadata Services Team has participated in several collection management projects and activities across the libraries over the past year including:

- work with University Archives to catalog materials from the archival donations collection as new items arrive, some of which require original records
- work with Sparks Medial Library to catalog new materials
- work with Technology Associate to receive new hardware and catalog materials into the circulating technology collections
- provide original cataloging for eResources as requested and as feasible; activate/create portfolios for over 1400 standalone e-books
- review electronic journal holdings to ensure accuracy in coverage dates
- adding additional access points and subject headings to existing records
- managed the K-12 Textbook Collection Project; collaborated with Reference and Collections Management to provide metadata guidance and access to the business and marketing collection
- deselected materials from the technical services reference collection
- worked with Systems Team to remove hardcoded URL fields from standalone portfolios

1,400 standalone e-books cataloged and added to library collections

2,000+ materials cataloged from the archival donation collections

In early 2023 we submitted proposals for the Ex Libris Enhancement Program for Alma/Primo, and some of the proposals were accepted. We also worked with the Systems Team to improve visibility and discoverability of resources in Primo.

Aside from these activities and projects, we have also worked on organizing our internal site for local policies and procedures and collaborated with colleagues to update current workflows and add new resources related to professional standards, manuals, etc.

Professional Engagement

This past year, the RAMS Team has worked to become involved in several professional organizations, committees, and working groups:

- Peer reviewer, Lyrasis Catalyst Fund Grants (Peggy Kain)
- UAB Benevolent Fund Council and Executive Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Member, NAAL Online Content Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Chair, ALLA Bylaws Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Member and Peer Reviewer, Alabama Libraries Editorial Board (Peggy Kain)
- Peer reviewer, Lyrasis Catalyst Fund Grants (Peggy Kain)
- Member, Association of Southeastern Research Libraries Accessibility Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Chair, Southeastern Library Assocation Southern Books Competition Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Member, SELA Southeast Library Awards Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Member, SELA Rothrock Awards Committee (Peggy Kain)
- Representative, UAB Staff Council Representative (Christy Hogan)
- Juror, American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship (Christy Hogan)
- Vice Chair, ALA's Core Copy Cataloging Interest Group (Christy Hogan)
- Coder, Diverse BookFinder Metadata Community of Practice (Christy Hogan)
- Board Liaison, ALA International Relations Round Table to Core: Leadership, Infrastructure, Futures National Association (Irina Stanishevskaya)
- Peer Reviewer, Educational Media Review Online (Irina Stanishevskaya)
- Peer Reviewer and Liaison, Library of Congress Program for Cooperative Cataloging Name Authority Cooperative Program (Irina Stanishevskaya)
- Expert and Contributor, LC PCCC NACO (Irina Stanishevskaya)
- Expert and Contributor, LC PCCC NACO – Audio-visual Funnel (Irina Stanishevskaya)
- Expert and Contributor, OCLC Cataloging Community Sharing program (Irina Stanishevskaya)

Our Internal Technical Support and Other Collaborations

Internal Support

All areas of Technology and Technical Services provide support both internally and externally for librarians, teaching faculty, students, and other community users. Support tickets are managed through an online interface and include broad questions, acquisitions support, access issues, metadata enhancement requests, hardware support, website modifications, digitization requests, graphics requests, system support, and general IT related support. This past year, as a team, we resolved a total of 1150 service tickets, submitted from a variety of areas within the libraries.

World Games 2022

A few months prior to the World Games 2022- Birmingham AL, the University put out a call for proposals to create immersive experiences that could showcase UAB on a worldwide scale. UAB Libraries answered that call by planning and proposing a heavy technology-focused booth showcasing several of our library programs and services in ETSD, DnD, and Reynolds-Finley Historical Library. All members of the teams, along with the Dean and Associate Dean for Technology (and shuttle support from our Remote Storage Associate), came together on a hot 10-hour summer day to create and staff a booth that included live demos on 3D printing processes, VR hardware uses, oral history recordings, and historical materials digitization/transformations. Prior to the event, we spent months planning and worked to create 360 camera experiences that we loaded into VR headsets, digitized rare books that were loaded into touch software, configured several touch monitors to display the items, created a number of 3D printed promotional materials, and designed/printed beautiful professional-quality informational cards for each of our services. It was a great collaboration, and as a group, the Provost awarded us the Silver Medal for our booth display.

User Access

The User Access Department consists of three main units including the Sterne HUB Desk, the Lister Hill Health Science HUB desk and remote storage. These units support the students, faculty and staff of the entire UAB community through managing, circulating and maintaining print resources, overseeing public spaces, moving materials between facilities and managing the remote storage facility known as 801, which provides off site storage for many of the lesser used books and journals.

Our goal is to provide information, answer questions, and connect users to what the library has to offer, including the many study and collaboration spaces, access to the print collection and course reserves, and information on other services and resources available to them to ensure academic success.

The department currently consists of one faculty assistant dean, two staff HUB desk managers, one remote storage associate, 11 staff associates, and 18 student assistants. During the past year we successfully recruited and welcomed a new assistant dean of the department, Patricia West, who replaces Michael Fitts, who now serves as assistant dean for DEI.

As we continue to grow our department, in the coming year we will add the following positions: two new user access associates, a replacement HUB supervisor (due to a retirement) and adding two new positions: a User Access/Circulation Librarian and an Assessment Librarian.

Services

Any time the libraries are open, User Access staff are available to help faculty, students, staff, and visitors find and use our collections, services, and resources.

In addition to providing information services, we ensure good condition of our collection through stacks management and maintenance and provide access to our rich print collection, handling approximately 30,000 loans in the past year.

Circulation Numbers for 2022-23

681 548

- LHL
- Sparks
- Sterne

25,931
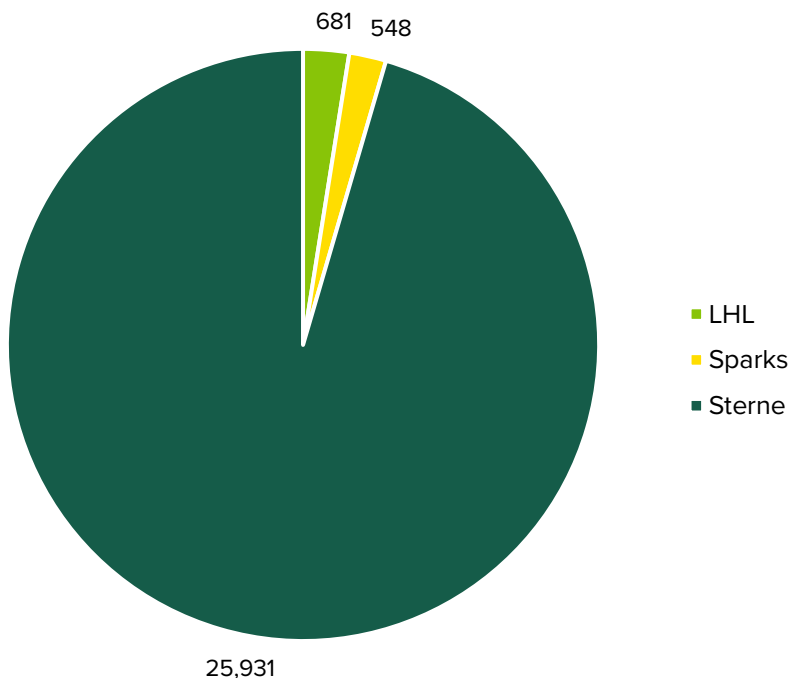
We also manage course reserves, which allows teaching faculty to put required reading materials on hold in the library for easy access for their students, thus saving students money on purchasing textbooks. This year we put several hundred books on Reserve, a number we hope to grow in partnership with the UAB Bookstore in the coming year, thus allowing for greater textbook affordability for our students.

Loans of laptops for students is another important service we provide. In the past year we loaned our 17 laptops more than 500 times to users who do not own laptops or did not bring them to campus. The requests for these devices continue to increase.

17 loaner laptops

500+ laptop loans to students in need

User Access also manages both the public printers and the use of the 44 desktop computers that are spread between the two libraries. The print stations located in both libraries are leased to the Libraries by WEPA. User Access personnel are responsible for day-to-day maintenance and upkeep of the machines and the staff regularly assists users with their print questions and problems. These print stations are the busiest on the UAB Campus, averaging a combined 18,000 pages per month.

User Access also includes a courier service that is run five days per week, transporting books and other materials between library locations. This work ensures that library holds and interlibrary loan requests are fulfilled.

Spaces

Each year the libraries are open almost 7,000 hours to accommodate research, study and access to resources and services. During the regular fall and spring terms we offer extended hours including at Sterne, where we are open 24 hours per day, five days per week. During this time, the libraries welcomed almost 500,000 visits by community users and UAB constituents, pointing to the importance of these spaces as hubs for university life.

The libraries' study rooms are among the most popular spaces on campus. Both libraries have multiple types of rooms available including group study rooms and single-user carrells. The Sterne Library has 75 study rooms available and Lister Hill has 19. These spaces are in demand; last year we had more than 29,000 room reservations made.

Group Study Room Reservations Year-by-Year 2021-2023

Year	Sterne	LHL
2021	10,783	6,849
2022	11,774	7,276
2023	17,600	12,100
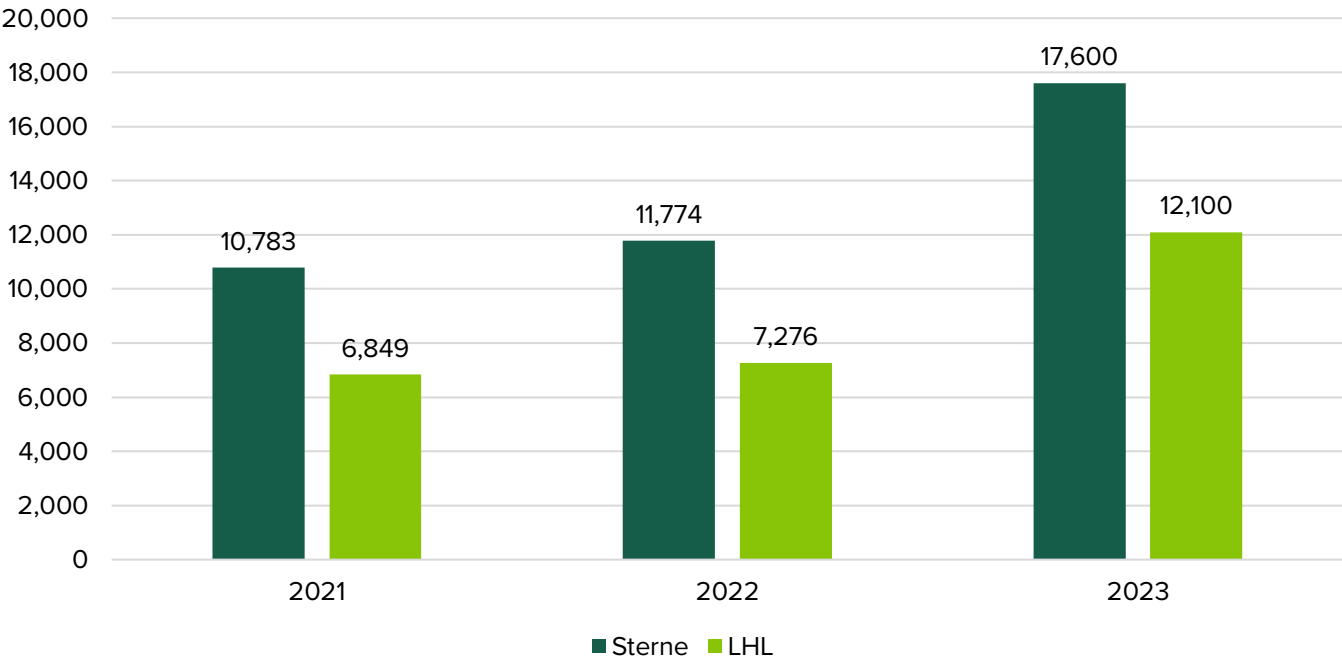
545,367 visits to Mervyn H. Sterne Library

111,000 visits to Lister Hill Library

Facilities and Facility Projects

User Access manages more than 199,000 square feet of the library's three primary buildings, including our offsite shelving facility at 801. We help ensure that our facilities are ready and welcoming for visitors and functional for library staff by doing the following: coordinating and monitoring building access, maintaining building management systems and related equipment, overseeing safety, security and related processes and systems, and overseeing physical accessibility.

Our work includes writing and implementing policies for library facilities and services, managing building projects, and assisting with projects to furnish, design and improve public spaces. This work is done in partnership with various outside contractors and UAB Departments such as Facilities, Housekeeping, Disability Services, and Occupational Health and Safety.

In the past year we undertook a number of facility-related projects with the goal of better service to our users. For example, upgrades of our study rooms at both locations continued this year, including the addition of new lighting and new furniture and technology in many of the spaces. We added an additional ADA accessible door to the exterior of the Sterne Library and addressed the removal of outdated accordion doors allowing for greater egress in that facility, part of a long-term project to improve and enhance the entrance. In addition, we renovated a new space to house our circulating laptop equipment in the Sterne Library. This new space allows for easier access to these machines, thus ensuring quicker turnaround for these popular and in-demand devices.

Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences

Highlights of the Year's Activity

Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences has developed a variety of areas of collection over the last year:

- 2022.03 – Objects related to Immunoelectrophoresis tests created at UAB through the research of Dr. Hiromoto. Donated by Dr. Ghanta and added to the Department of Biology Collection
- 2023.01 - Ohio Products Anesthesia Machine, c. 1960s-1980s. Donated by Dr. Dennis G. Pappas, Sr.
- 2023.02 – Physician's bag complete with an organized instrument bundle as well as diploma and certificates. Owned by Dr. Abraham M. Lerner, a 1932 graduate of the Illinois College of Chiropody and Foot Surgery, and used in the practice of Chiropody with the specialty that is now known as Podiatry. Donated by Alan Lerner in memory of Dr. Abraham M. Lerner.

In a continuing effort to collect and document the COVID -19 Pandemic AMHS has acquired a variety of PPE representing different phases of the pandemic including gowns, masks, and face shields, as well as COVID home tests.

AMHS continues to actively collect and upcoming accessions include instruments related to the practice of Urology amongst others.

Updates to Collection Storage
Following the construction in AMHS vaults, staff took advantage of an already relocated collection to rethink storage solutions and plan for storage of future acquisitions. Phase I of this storage readjustment includes installation of new, specially designed museum-grade storage cabinets for the storage of medicines and a complete redesign of one storage room with open shelving. Both projects will begin installation in September. The final element of Phase I storage reorganization - the outfitting storage for oversized medical equipment and furniture in the basement - is in the final planning stage. Planning for Phase II is already in the works to update storage locations for objects in a more logical manner and storage solutions allowing for further growth of the collection, while also planning for further updates to storage units for the remaining collection storage areas.

Updates to Environmental Monitoring
Part of the Phase I plan for updating storage spaces included updating our environmental monitoring practices. For proper preservation of objects, storage and display areas must maintain a consistent temperature and relative humidity to prevent or slow down degradation of a historical object, manuscript, or document. To improve our monitoring and ability to react to swings in temperature and humidity faster, Historical Collections has purchased dataloggers from the conservation datalogger company Conserv. These environmental monitoring devices allow us to view our temperature and humidity instantly from anywhere, share graphs and reports with facilities, and provide us with access to conservators and collections care experts to answer questions and think through solutions. Being able to monitor on this level is bringing us more in line with best practices of the museum field and address issues more quickly.

Museum Education
The field of museum education encompasses what is traditionally defined as teaching and outreach. Teaching is conducted with tours either through collection pulls and displays on the 3rd floor, or tours of the exhibition. Some tours feature only the AMHS collection, while others are in partnership with UAB Archives and Reynolds-Finley Historical Library. There were four class tours and three private tours, totaling 70 total participants in the Fall 2022 and the Spring/Summer saw 10 class and public tours, and 11 private tours, totaling 199 participants. Fall tours were exclusively collection pulls, and the Spring/Summer were a combination of collection pulls and tours of the exhibition space. Class tours over the year hailed from UAB's Departments of History, Anthropology, Art and Art History, School of Medicine, and School of Nursing. Public outside tours included one K-12 from Pelham Middle School and another group from Birmingham Southern College's Department of English. There are 12 classes already booked for tours this fall hailing from School of Nursing, Nuclear Medicine, English, History, Honors College, and University Honors Program, with more possible tours and collaborations in the works.

14 class tours and **14** private tours, totaling **269** participants

12 class tours booked for Fall 2023

Museum Collections Database

A museum collections database is an internal tracking software that allows curators and collections managers to monitor, track, and organize not only the museum collection but also important provenance and donation data associated with the objects. Up to this point AMHS has used a legacy software, Past Perfect, one of the original collections management software in the industry. To improve search and inventory functionality, as well as security for the collection data, AMHS has switched to a cloud-based database called Collector Systems. This switch eliminates the need for constant hard-copy backups, improved collection logging and inventory processes, search functionality and more. Additionally, while the primary function of the database is for the use of museum staff only, transferring to a cloud database allows us to create an online public portal where much of the database can be available for classes and public patrons.

Exhibitions

In October, AMHS installed a small object display of microscopes from the Ramsey Microscope collection on the 2nd floor of Lister Hill Library. In February of 2023, AMHS opened its permanent exhibition space for the first time in a year with Snapshots: Glimpses into the History of Women's Health using collections of AMHS, Reynolds-Finley Historical Library, and UAB Archives. The exhibition takes a glimpse at how society has traditionally defined the field of women's health and encourages visitors to consider their own perspectives and how they define women's health. Snapshots will remain open through the 2023 Fall Semester.

AMHS partnered with Reynolds-Finley Historical Library with installation a student exhibition at Sterne Library Curative Plants of Alabama featuring the artwork of UAB art students. AMHS is also organizing the fall exhibition with UAB Archives and Reynolds-Finley Historical Library that will be curated by the University Honors Program class the Medical World on Film taught by Gareth Jones.

Additionally, AMHS, Reynolds-Finley, and Archives are in the curation process of the upcoming Dennis G. Pappas Historical Collections Gallery inaugural exhibition.

Reynolds-Finley Historical Library

Instruction/Reference
- Supervised/instructed **5 UAB Student Interns**
  - 2 Undergraduate Anthropology majors; 1 Undergraduate History major; and 1 Graduate History student
- Increased RFHL instruction:
  - 24 UAB Classes / 433 Students
  - 1 Workshop / 10 UAB Students
  - 6 Outreach group sessions / 124 Students
    - Birmingham-Southern College, Samford University, Pelham Park Middle School, and Good Hope High School classes; tours for the Medical Alumni Association
  - **Total: 31 Instructional Sessions / 567 Students**
    - This is a very high volume for RFHL compared to previous years and is more than double that of 2021-2022 total of 15 instructional sessions.
- Provided 68 Research Consultations to 80 Students.
- Researched/Answered 84 additional Reference Inquiries.
- Hosted and provided research support for a Reynolds-Finley Research Fellow from Binghamton University in January 2023.

100% increase in instructional sessions (15 → 31)
568 students taught

Exhibits

- Curated and featured RFHL materials in the following exhibit:
    - *Mental Health: A Complicated History*, displayed at Mervyn H. Sterne Library, August 22, 2022 – November 14, 2022
- Collaborated with the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences on the following exhibits:
    - *Special Exhibit featuring the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library and Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences*, displayed at the Southeastern Medieval Association Conference, November 11, 2022
    - *Snapshots: Glimpses into the History of Women's Health*, on display in the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences, March 10, 2023-present
    - *Curative Plants of Alabama*, on display in Mervyn H. Sterne Library, April 2023-present
        - This exhibit features the artwork of 4 UAB Art Studio classes inspired by imagery from Historical Collections, a lecture by Michael A. Flannery, digitized volumes from RFHL, and Alabama plants in nature. It was a collaborative class project in Spring of 2023.
- Collaborated with the UAB Archives on the following exhibit:
    - *Marcel Proust: A Centennial Exhibition 'Swann's Way' 1913-2013*
        - Featured digitized Marcel Proust letters, along with video descriptions/readings of 5 letters by Dr. Bill Carter.
        - Worked with Kelly Schiff to create adjoining videos with each letter for exhibit.
- Worked with a student intern in fall 2022 to create a permanent display of items from the African American Medical Collection in the display/shelving cabinet in the RFHL Reading Room.
- Coordinated the purchase of a second Ideum touchscreen kiosk located on the first floor of Sterne library to highlight *Turning the Pages*, other digital content, or interactive simulations in rotating exhibits.
- Worked with Dean Gonnerman and the Historical Collections department on plans for a new Historical Collections Gallery on the 2nd floor of Lister Hill Library (ongoing).

Outreach/Events

- Promoted RFHL, Historical Collections, and the Historical Collections Gallery with exhibit booths and other outreach efforts at various events, including:
    - Medical Alumni Weekend, Gallery Exhibit Table, August 6, 2022
    - SEMA (Southeastern Medieval Association Conference), Birmingham Sheraton, November 11, 2022
        - Showcased the medieval manuscripts and incunabula from RFHL in an exhibit table (with the Alabama Museum of the Health Sciences), which utilized Turning the Pages technology, a VR headset for a virtual tour experience, and reproductions of original manuscripts.
        - RFHL faculty members, Peggy Balch and Anna Kaetz, presented a paper titled, "Exploring UAB's Medieval Materials through the Lens of Innovation," to further promote our collections to medievalists.
    - 44th Annual Reynolds-Finley Historical Lecture, March 10, 2023

- Hosted former Reynolds-Finley Fellow, Jenny Luke, to present "A Century of Maternity Care: Alabama's Highlights and Challenges."
- Promoted the Reynolds-Finley Fellowship program during the lecture and introduction.
- Promoted the gallery with an exhibit table at the reception.
  - School of Medicine Art Show, Gallery Exhibit Table, April 6, 2023

Digitization, Cataloging and Technology

- Coordinated (with the Digitization and Digital Preservation Department) the digitization of the following (uploading to the digital collection pending for some items):
  - *Incunabula Collection*: 15 items
  - *Rare Alabama Medical Journals Collection*: 60 items
  - Charles Millspaugh's *American Medicinal Plants*...: 2 items
  - **Total: 67 items**
- Cataloged 44 RFHL collection items.
- Added 7 items to the UAB Libraries *Turning the Pages* Library.
- Worked with Technology & Technical Services to select technology and develop a tech kit for Historical Collections to use for events, booths, travel, etc.
- Collaborated with Ohio State designer, Matt Lewis, to create 2 augmented reality images of illustrations from RFHL incunabulum, *Hortus Sanitatis* (1497).

67 items digitized in collaboration with Digitization and Digital Preservation

44 RFHL collection items cataloged

7 items added to *Turning the Pages* Library

2 augmented reality images of illustrations created

Collections

- Reviewed rare bookseller catalogs, selected, and acquired 16 rare items to enhance the African American Medical Collection, Pappas Otolaryngology Collection, and other areas of the Reynolds-Finley Historical Library.
- Acquired 118 additional items for the RFHL through donations.
- Worked with Dean Gonnerman and Historical Collections colleagues to secure an area in the basement of Lister Hill Library for the continual growth of Historical Collections.
- Provided disaster response after a sprinkler malfunction in the basement of LHL and oversaw ongoing drying and mold abatement for the damaged journals.

UAB Archives
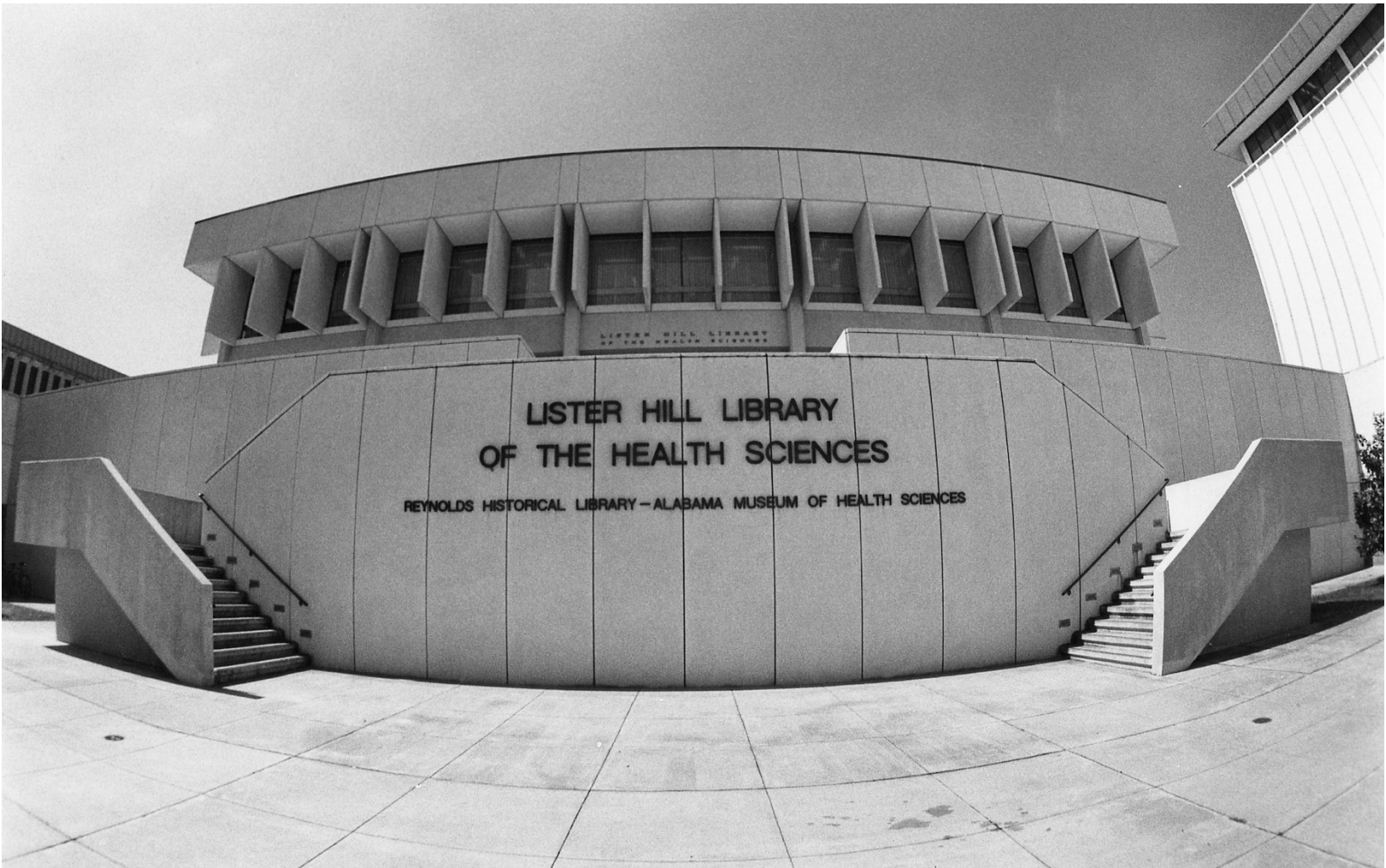
Reference

- On-site research visits: 64
- 81 individuals in those 64 visits
- Increase of 39%

64 on-site research visits

81 visitors on research visits (increase of 39%)

Class Instruction

In-person:
- ENG 203, Writing Birmingham, January 2023

- ENG 426/526, History of the Book, November 2022
- HC 319, Sustainable Laboratories, March 2023
- HY 375 Gay & Lesbian History, January 2023
- HY 497, Research & Writing, February 2022 & September 2022
- NUR 004 Nurse Midwifery, January 2023 & June 2023
- NUR 100, Nursing Success, November 2022
- UHP 421, Exploring Nature Via Lens, September 2022
- Museums Workshop, March 2023
- Pandemics Course, English dept., BHM-Southern, January 2023

Invited Presentations

In-Person:
- Department of Medicine Staff, UAB History, March 2023
- UAB Healthcare Leadership Academy, UAB History, November 2022
- Jefferson County Historical Society, UAB History, May 2023

Hybrid:
- Jefferson County Medical Society, Wayne H. Finley: A Fond Appreciation, May 2023

Major projects

Digital Collections enhanced by providing Digital Preservation staff archival copies of the UAB Town and Gown Theatre playbills and programs and the *Treasures* newsletters for scanning and uploading into ContentDM. Also sent them a couple of boxes of *UAB Report* newspapers for future scanning.

Display of archival and library material at Sterne Library for the Proust death centennial, November 2022 – April 2023

Staff have thus far inventoried and processed for technical services staff over 7,200 titles of monographs and journals in the donated Memorial Gay and Lesbian Collection. Of these, more than 6,350 titles (6,600 volumes) have been cataloged by Technical Services and are now shelved at the library's remote facility at 801.

We hosted a UAB student intern from CAS (Film Studies) during winter/spring term 2023. He inventoried DVD, VHS, and CD donated as part of the LGBTQ Collection, a total of 52 boxes of material. He also continued an inventory of theatrical playbills in a separate donation

Return to "normal" in the aftermath of the March 2022 flood event at LHL and the completion of the construction/restoration project in March 2023.

7,200 monographs and journals inventoried in donated Memorial Gay and Lesbian Collection

6,350 of those titles catalogued by Technical Services and shelved at 801 Building

Ongoing projects

- Image of the Month posted
- UAB history chronology updated periodically
- Archival material displayed in the three cases on the third floor of LHL and in the single case by the LHL entrance: Governors and UAB; holiday display; Let it Snow!; King Charles III coronation; and Staff Favorite Items from the Archives
- Continued major revisions and updates to *UAB Dictionary of Academic Units* and to the *UAB Dictionary of Buildings and Facilities*

Collections Processed

Completed processing of the records of UAB President J. Claude Bennett (Series 1.3.11, with 45 cubic feet of material) and of a collection of photographs of medical students (Series P17.1.30, with four cubic feet of material and over 3,700 discrete photos)

45 cubic ft. of material processed from records of UAB President J. Claude Bennett

4 cubic ft. and **3,700** discreet photos processed from a collection of medical student photographs

Collections Acquired or Transferred

All 13 donations/transfers this reporting cycle were smaller collections, including the 6 university transfers and the 7 manuscript donations.

University Records/Collections

- Transfer of Faculty Handbooks from the faculty affairs office, 0.50 cubic foot
- Transfer of commencement photographs and programs from the Provost's Office, 1 cubic foot
- Transfer of photographs, media guides, uniform items and memorabilia from UAB Women's Soccer, 5 cubic feet
- Smaller transfers of School of Engineering photographs, Sterne Library photographs, and memorabilia from the Commission on the Status of Women

Manuscript Collections

- Records of Dr. Kamal Yackzan (Sports Medicine), 0.50 cubic foot
- Records of the UAB Retirees organization, 1 cubic foot
- Collection of William Benoit Presidential Campaign Material, 2 cubic feet
- Smaller donations from the alumni office of the School of Nursing, of the alumni office of the School of Medicine, the papers of Edward Ramsey (pathology), and UAB Blazer memorabilia from James Lowery.

LGBTQ Collection

Ongoing transfers of material for this major donation, including print monographs and serials and archival material such as correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, diaries, ephemera, realia, etc.

Staff made 5 trips to retrieve material from the donor's house and returned to campus with over 122 boxes of material in the LGBTQ or Ala./BHM history (see below) collections

Alabama and Birmingham History
Ongoing transfers of material for this major donation – from same donor as that of the LGBTQ Collection – includes print monographs and serials and archival material such as correspondence, photographs, scrapbooks, ephemera, realia, etc.

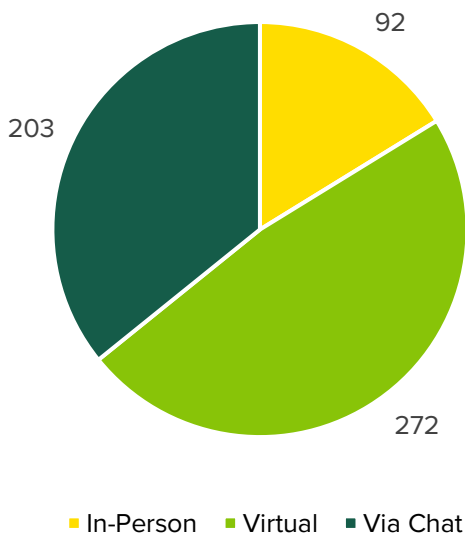# Lister Hill Library at University Hospital

Highlights of the Year's Activity

- Lindsey Baird joined Lister Hill Library at University Hospital as a Clinical Reference Librarian.
- Provided supported for the Anesthesiology Library while continuing hiring searches for a new Clinical Research & Education Librarian.
- Expanded services to clinical departments, offering first time instruction in clinical departments including Neurosurgery, Obstetrics and Gynecology, and School of Medicine Communications.
- Continued offering instruction and research support for other key hospital stakeholders including Graduate Medical Education, clinical departments, and the Nurse Residency Program.
- Updated and maintained clinical services guides, creating new LibGuides for Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Selma Family Medicine.
- Continued the weekly Table of Contents Service, sending customized emails to subscribers with over 60,000 links to current journal content.
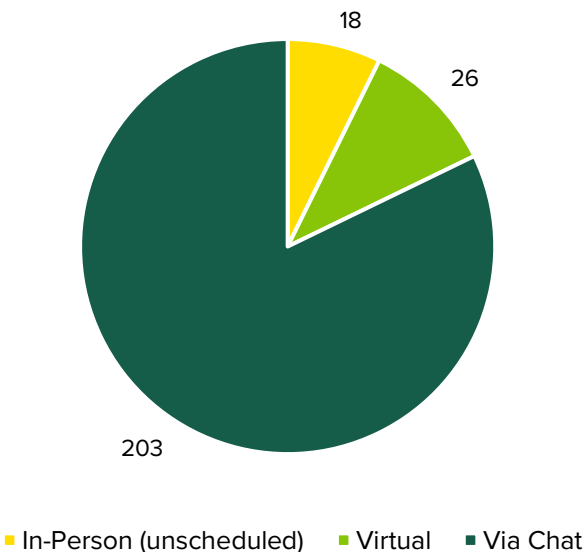
Statistics on Information Services Provided by LHL@UH staff

63 consultation sessions spanning **50+ hours** with **49** attendees
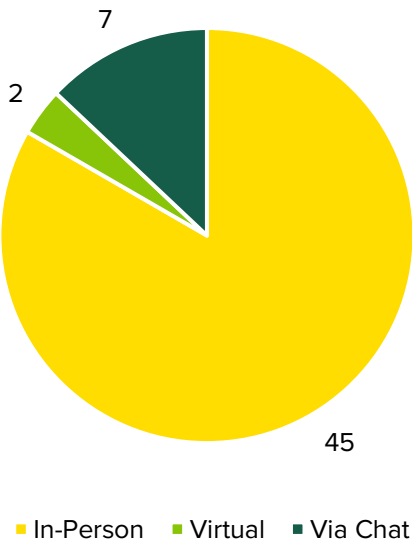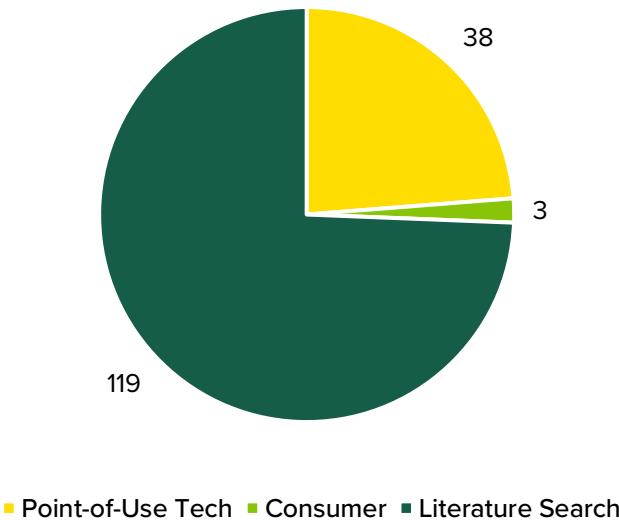**36** instruction sessions spanning **25 hours** with **1,197** attendees

Reference

92
203
272

- In-Person
- Virtual
- Via Chat

Consultation

18
26
203

- In-Person (unscheduled)
- Virtual
- Via Chat

Directional

7
2
45

- In-Person
- Virtual
- Via Chat

Other Questions

38
3
119

- Point-of-Use Tech
- Consumer
- Literature Search

Sparks Medical Library at UAB Huntsville Regional Medical Campus

Highlights of the Year's Activity

- Ordered 100 new books for the Sparks in-house collection
- Created Sparks Library Virtual Reality Space. Program soft-launched in July 2023. So far, 12 individual student/resident users and 2 faculty users. Plans established with 6 faculty members to demo for possible curricular/programmatic use once casting becomes available. Heavier marketing of program will begin once casting become available.
- Part of Collection Development Planning Group for MLA 2024 in Portland, OR
- Part of Alabama Health Libraries Association's Health InfoNet Project; had article published in Southern Expressions on project's development
- Submitted poster to Southern Chapter of the Medical Library Association 2023 In New Orleans, LA, titled "Building a VR Program in a Regional Medical Campus Library"

- Created a non-medical leisure reading book section that currently has 84 cataloged books and 46 additional books in the process of being cataloged. Books were obtained through donation, personal collection, and purchases from book fairs, Public Library bookstores, and thrift stores
- Lead organizer for the 6th Annual UAB Huntsville Research Day
- Created book lending service for main Birmingham campus which has had 14 book requests so far
- Gave 2 presentations: Dean's Conference EBM series in critical appraisal for MS3 students and PubMed Tips and Tricks for MS3 students
- Extensive updates to Sparks Library page UAB Libraries' website: [Sparks Library - Libraries | UAB](#)

100 new books ordered for the Sparks in-house collection

130 books obtained for new non-medical leisure reading book section

14 users of Sparks Library Virtual Reality Space, launched July 2023