

AUBURN UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

Bridging Past and Future Generations of Students



For more than 160 years, students have walked Auburn University's campus and charted the course of their future while on the Plains. They began their academic journeys, prepared for rewarding careers and discovered lifelong relationships. And the Auburn University Libraries — the Ralph Brown Draughon Library, the Charles Cary Veterinary Medical Library and the Library of Architecture, Design and Construction — have been at the heart of generations of Auburn students' unique experiences.

The Libraries have long provided valuable academic and research resources for students and faculty including research materials and archives, digital journal subscriptions, print and electronic books, professional entrance exam test preparation materials and special collections. Just as in the past, they represent places that nearly every student and faculty member will visit — in person or electronically. Philanthropy ensures these resources and collections remain available for students, faculty and members of the Auburn Family both now and in the future.

With a broad range of resources for every patron, Auburn University Libraries meet the needs of students, faculty members, alumni and friends. Private support ensures the unique collections, technology and academic aids found in the Libraries continue to grow and enrich the lives of the Auburn Family.

PRINT AND DIGITAL COLLECTIONS

Students and faculty rely on the valuable academic resources found in the print and digital collections at Auburn University Libraries, as well as the important study and preparation materials for professional and graduate school entrance exams, including GRE, MCAT, LSAT and others. The cost of these materials can be a barrier for students with financial need, but the Libraries make these resources available at no cost.

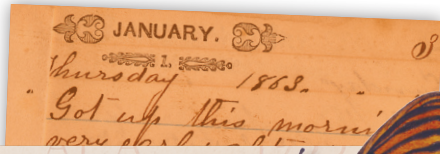
Professional journals, widely used by both faculty members and students, contain key insights from leading experts and the latest findings, theories and innovative advancements in almost every field. Although journals are valuable tools, subscriptions are expensive and represent more than two-thirds of the Libraries' budget.

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH RESOURCES

Education has become increasingly more innovative in recent years. Smart classrooms with interactive white boards and internet connectivity at every desk help students learn and study the way they live — digitally. The Libraries are at the forefront of innovation in education and incorporate the latest technology. In addition, research resources place an extensive network of information at faculty members' and students' fingertips, dramatically changing the way they advance discovery in their fields.

These are the places where students and faculty find the answers they need. From basic utilities such as Wi-Fi and internet to more advanced services including research resources, digitization of collections and state-of-the-art data and maker spaces, our Libraries are the foundation of education and innovation. Gifts from alumni and friends make all of this possible.





SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Among the most renowned assets of Auburn University Libraries are the extensive special collections featuring a variety of books, photographs and a robust digital collection. The Auburn history collection is one of the largest and presents a treasure trove of notable people, places and events in the history of Auburn University. This collection contains images of student life, sporting events, campus leaders and landmarks during some of the most turbulent decades in Auburn's history, including the last quarter of the 19th century, World Wars I and II and desegregation in the 1960s.

Offering both a physical archive and a digital collection ensures patrons have access to these unique artifacts in person or from the comfort of their homes, residence halls or classrooms. These digital collections became even more relevant during the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Philanthropy ensures the Libraries continue to curate and grow these special collections, providing a valuable and enduring resource.



MEANINGFUL IMPACT FOR STUDENTS

As the largest student employer on campus, Auburn University Libraries employ undergraduate and graduate students who provide the bulk of library services to patrons. For the more than 150 student employees, this work is a significant part of funding their education, and for some, it makes attending Auburn possible.

A new Auburn Libraries scholarship program will reward hard-working student employees and give them the resources they need to reach their academic goals. Philanthropic support will make this a reality.

The Auburn University Libraries remain the keeper of the history, traditions, stories, memories and experiences the Auburn Family holds dear. With a commitment to provide innovative technology resources for scholarly research, academic pursuits and professional development, the Libraries have become a valuable resource for students and faculty.

Philanthropy guarantees Auburn University Libraries will continue guarding and growing this legacy for future generations. Join us in preserving Auburn's cherished history and traditions while advancing the innovation and technology resources our students and faculty need to change our world for the better.



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On the cover: Images from the Libraries' Special Collections, including works by British naturalist Phillip Henry Gosse. The Philip Henry Gosse Papers consist of 49 positive color transparencies of drawings of Alabama butterflies, caterpillars, moths, beetles, dragonflies and other insects. Gosse sketched and hand-colored the drawings in 1838 while he briefly visited Alabama. The 49 transparencies contain the complete set of his drawings of 233 Alabama insects contained in his unpublished *Entomologia Alabamensis*.

