

Main Library & Branch
Library of the
(1910-1924) - UT

The Library
University of Texas
Thanksgiving 1924

Building erected in 1910. It is fireproof, but too small.

The Library is the largest in the Southwest. The collections of English and American literature and of Southern and Southwestern history are notable. Many departments of the Library are not as strong as they should be.

On the right as you enter the north door, is the Library Science lecture room. The University of Texas is the only institution in the Southwest that trains librarians.

The main Reading Room is on the second floor. It has 300 seats; 800 seats are needed. Near 5,000 volumes are shelved in the Reading Room.

Adjoining the main Reading Room is the Periodical Room, where the current issues of several hundred periodicals are kept. The Library receives about 2,000 newspapers and periodicals.

The bookstack is west of the Periodical Room. It has seven floors, equipped with steel shelving. Each floor will shelve approximately 33,000 volumes.

The Texas Collection on the top floor contains between 6,000 and 7,000 pieces; it is the largest of its kind.

The Littlefield Collection for Southern History (between 15,000 and 20,000 volumes) is not segregated. It constitutes a very large part of the American history section on the fourth floor, and may be readily identified by the bookplate.

The Garcia Collection is shelved on the third floor. It contains much valuable material on Mexico, Texas and the Southwest. The collection embraces 26,000 volumes and 400,000 pages of manuscript.

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The Historical Archives and the Rare Book Room are located on the first floor. The Archives contain the source materials for the early history of Texas - the Bexar Archives and the Austin Papers - together with the personal papers of such noted Texans as Ashbel Smith, C.M. Roberts and many others. At the north end of the Rare Book Room are shelved the M.A. theses of the University of Texas.

The Wrenn Library, across the hall from the Rare Book Room, is in fact another rare book room, for it contains almost 6,000 volumes comprising first editions, rare volumes, manuscripts, etc., of English literature. The collection was made by the late John Henry Wrenn of Chicago. It was purchased by Major George Littlefield and presented to the University of Texas.

The Library now contains 283,000 volumes. Will you help us make it 300,000 by next Thanksgiving?

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