

FACT SHEET FOR GWLA SITE VISIT
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Greater Western Library Alliance Site Team

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Richard W. Clement is Dean of Libraries and Adjunct Professor of History at Utah State University. He is the author of seven books and more than 40 scholarly articles. His most recent book, *Books on the Frontier: Print Culture in the American West, 1768-1875*, was published in 2003 by the University Press of New England and the Library of Congress. He is the founding president of the Mediterranean Studies Association and is co-editor of the journal *Mediterranean Studies* published by Manchester University Press. Before coming to USU, he was Head of the Department of Special Collections at the University of Kansas, where he was also Courtesy Professor of English and taught the History of the Book. He edited *RBM: A Journal of Rare Books, Manuscripts and Cultural Heritage* from 2003-2008. He was a Fulbright Educational Partnership Fellow in Peru in 2004 and received the Gretchen and Gene A. Budig Distinguished Librarian Award from the University of Kansas in 2003.

Martha Bedard was appointed Dean of the University Libraries at the University of New Mexico (UNM) on August 1, 2007. Professor Bedard came to UNM from Texas A&M University (TAMU), the 5th largest public university in the U.S. where she served in various leadership roles since 2000 including Associate Dean for Information and Collection Services. Prior to TAMU her positions included Associate Director for Library Services, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Health Sciences Library, as well as medical library directorships at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh NC, the Medical Center of Central Massachusetts in Worcester MA, and Lowell General Hospital in Lowell MA. Professor Bedard received a Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, from Fitchburg State College in Fitchburg MA, and a Master of Science in Library Science from Simmons Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Boston MA.

The Greater Western Library Alliance

VISION

The Greater Western Library Alliance is a dynamic, effective, project-oriented regional consortium of leading research libraries located in the Central and Western United States. It is an internationally recognized leader in the transformation of scholarly communication, and a facilitator in the application of new information technologies. The activities and collaborative projects of the Alliance contribute to a demonstrable expansion of access to quality information both within and beyond the boundaries of the consortium.

MISSION

The Greater Western Library Alliance delivers cost-effective and high-quality information services and resources to its member institutions and their clientele. The Alliance is a full partner and dynamic leader in the national and international scholarly arenas of learning and research. It relies on the highly skilled staffs of its member libraries to capitalize on new technologies, to forge effective and meaningful partnerships, and to promote innovation and excellence.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The Corporation is a regional consortium of research level libraries located in the Central and Western United States which provides leadership in programs related to:

- Interlibrary loan and document delivery
- Shared electronic resources
- Cooperative collection development
- Digital libraries and new information technologies
- Staff development and continuing education
- Scholarly communication
- Preservation and conservation

Greater Western Library Alliance Members

Arizona State University	University of Houston
Baylor University	University of Illinois at Chicago
Brigham Young University	University of Kansas
Colorado State University	University of Kansas
Iowa State University	University of Missouri
Kansas State University	University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Oklahoma State University	University of New Mexico
Oregon State University	University of Oklahoma
Rice University	University of Oregon
Southern Illinois University	University of Southern California
Southern Methodist University	University of Texas at Austin
Texas A&M University	University of Utah
Texas Tech University	University of Washington
University of Arizona	Utah State University
University of Colorado at Boulder	Washington State University
University of Hawaii at Manoa	Washington University in St. Louis

SUMMARY DATA FOR UW LIBRARIES

Major UW Collections:

- UW Libraries — Coe Library and satellites:
 - Brinkerhoff Geology Library
 - Herbarium Library
 - Learning Resource Center
 - Jackson Research Center
- Law Library
- American Heritage Center (archives)
- UW Art Museum
- Rocky Mountain Herbarium

Coe Library Facilities:

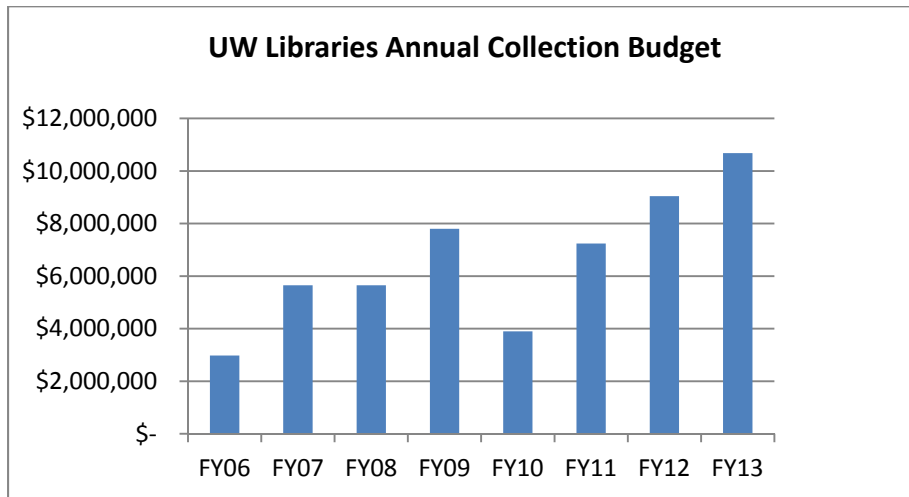
1958: Original facility completed

1978: Central expansion completed

2009: 94,000 ft² addition completed

Collection Budget: Recent History

Beginning in 2005, UW undertook a major initiative to increase its library collections budget, through a multi-year plan involving legislative requests and tuition revenues. Since the initiative began, the collection budget has increased by a factor of 3.6.



Access Highlights

- UW Libraries, UW Law Library, and AHC maintain a central catalog and share membership in the Colorado Alliance of Research Libraries and OCLC (a worldwide consortium of research libraries).
- UW's Interlibrary Loan Office provides access to materials in over 7,000 libraries worldwide. Augmenting this access is Request It, a free online service that allows UW employees and students to request and receive materials electronically.
- The UW Libraries collaborate with the Wyoming State Library, Wyoming community colleges, and school and community libraries, through the Wyoming Library Database (WYLD) system.
- Many UW library resources are available to all citizens of Wyoming.