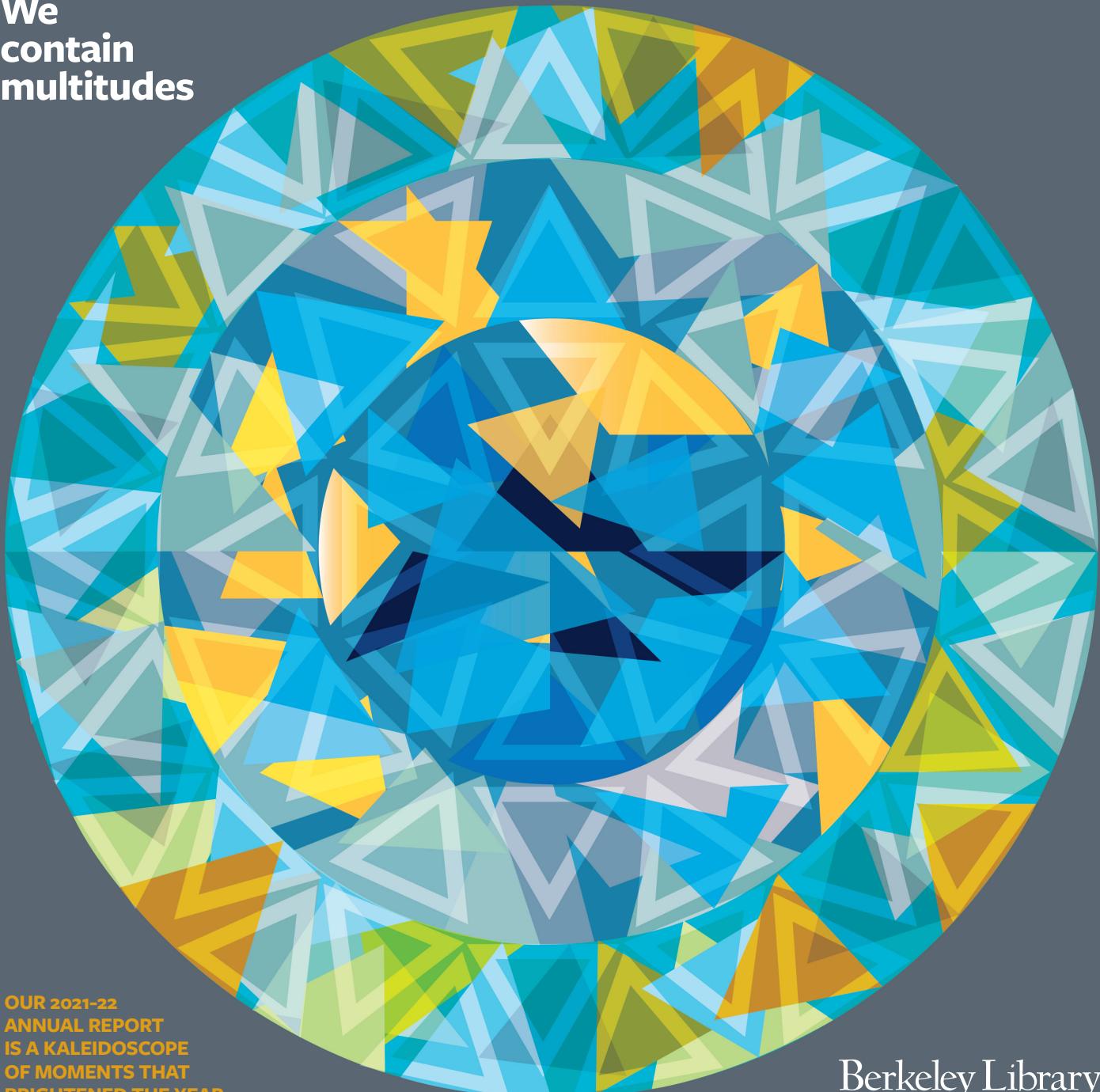


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OUR 2021-22
ANNUAL REPORT
IS A KALEIDOSCOPE
OF MOMENTS THAT
BRIGHTENED THE YEAR

Berkeley Library
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Something for everyone

If you've spent time in Main Stacks, then you have some sense of the seemingly infinite number of books contained in the UC Berkeley Library. But those tomes are only a portion of the treasures waiting to be discovered.

We hold historical documents, such as an 1861 letter from Mark Twain and digital copies of modern literary masterpieces. Our spaces are silent study sanctuaries and forums for pressing conversations about society. We preserve information and find innovative ways to share it with people worldwide.

To echo the famed Walt Whitman line, yes, we contain multitudes — and that means we have something for everyone. You'll find a sampling among these pages. But be sure to stop by too.



A handwritten signature in black ink.

Jeffrey MacKie-Mason, University Librarian



A YEAR OF NEW BEGINNINGS



Reopen, renew, rejoice

Libraries are scattered throughout UC Berkeley's rolling campus, nestled against tangles of trees and encircling the expansive Memorial Glade. Last fall, libraries across campus reopened, beckoning waves of students who were starting the fall semester in person for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began.

To support the Library's spaces and services, contact the Library Development Office at [510-642-9377](tel:510-642-9377) or give@library.berkeley.edu.

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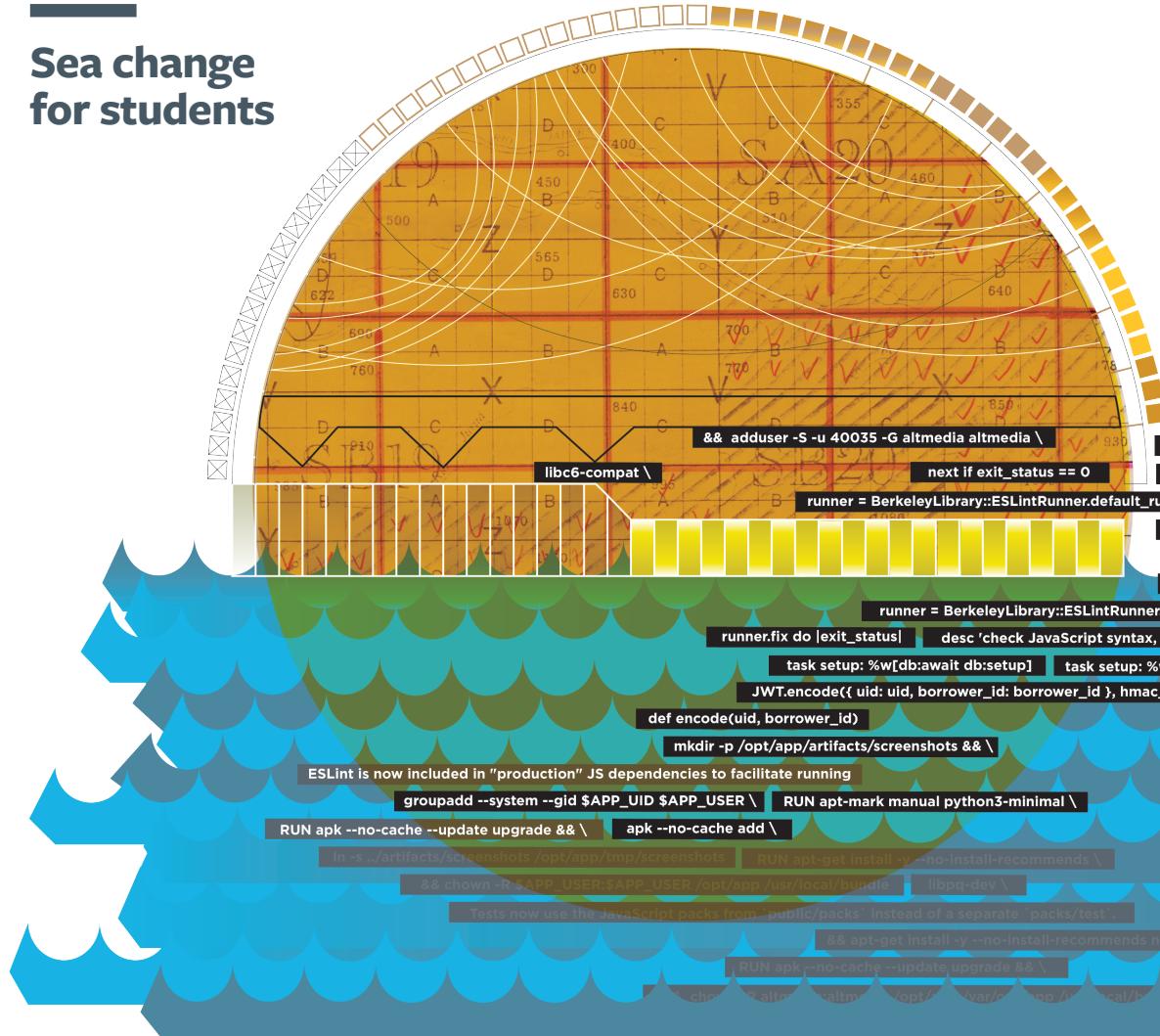
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improvement

Each year, the Library's website racks up millions of views, with visitors from nearly every corner of the globe.

This spring, the Library unveiled its redesigned website, netting 14,560 pageviews on its first day. The new digital home has an improved look and feel, and makes the Library's resources more accessible to our community of learners.

Sea change for students



◀ The team responsible for the Library's e-reserves program took home the Chancellor's Outstanding Staff Award in April. The team facilitated an unprecedented effort to develop a fully digitized version of course reserves, which provided financial relief during the height of the pandemic by giving thousands of students seamless access to materials for their classes at no cost. The COSAs are among the highest honors bestowed upon staff by the Chancellor.

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One search to rule them all

The goal was simple, if ambitious: to unify the collections of libraries across the University of California system under one virtual roof. Launched in summer 2021, the all-in-one discovery platform UC Library Search allows knowledge-seekers to find materials from UC libraries and collections worldwide.

Representation and collaboration

Through the Undergraduate Research Advocates Program, student interns explored how librarians could better reach and support students from underserved communities. In turn, librarians helped the interns build their research skills. The students shared what they learned with fellow members of NavCal, a campus program that connects underrepresented students with peer support.

Research made simple

New students can have trouble knowing where to start when it comes to academic research. That's why the Library's Instruction Services Division developed a suite of resources called Research 101. Offerings include live introductory workshops on Zoom and self-paced learning modules online, among other services.

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4. FORUMS FOR COMMUNITY CONVERSATION



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Minds in the making

Where on the Cal campus can you find a student sewing a dress made from repurposed ocean plastic or building a robotic hand? The Library's Makerspace aids students in acing academic projects — and experimenting without fear of failing. This year, four Library fellows hosted a workshop to raise awareness about the space among students from underrepresented communities.



Remembering those uprooted

The Bancroft Library exhibit *Uprooted: The Incarceration of Japanese Americans* told the traumatic story of the forced removal of Japanese Americans from their homes on the West Coast during World War II. The exhibit marked the 80th anniversary of this tragic episode. K-12 student groups, pictured, were among the many moved by the materials on display.

Stimulating conversations

More than 300 donors seeking an unfiltered look at Library life had their cups filled again this year, with the continuation of the popular Coffee Chat series — online talks on various aspects of Cal's 20-plus libraries.

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Thinking out loud together

There's power in perspective, according to Liladhar Pendse, the UC Berkeley librarian for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian studies. It's why he developed a series of digital discussions on local and global challenges, such as an April event that elevated the voices of Ukrainian librarians. "It's important for people to hear that perspective because we aren't there ourselves," he says.

To support forums for community conversation, contact the Library Development Office at 510-642-9377 or give@library.berkeley.edu.

Voicing our virtues

Each person turns to the Library for a different reason, whether seeking the answer to a burning question, a productive place to study, or a one-of-a-kind document — the missing piece in a long-toiled-over research project. And each person who enters our halls, whether virtually or in person, is met with the same passion and professionalism. The words you see on these pages attest to the Library's commitment to its community, from the voices of those who work here and those we proudly serve.



Wonderful to see
our libraries reopen
as campus and
community life
slowly gets back
towards normal!"

— Sophie Hahn
(@Sophie
HahnBerk on
Twitter), Friends
of The Bancroft
Library member
and Berkeley City
Council member



The Library's
Makerspace is
a weird, homey,
organic space
as opposed to
a sterile and
pristine learning
environment."
— Annalise Phillips,
maker education
service lead



Your gift to the Library Fund allows leaders to direct money toward the highest-priority initiatives, such as teaching students how to sift through the dizzying array of information around them, and providing study spaces that are safe and accessible late into the night for students with long commutes, complex schedules, and competing responsibilities at home."

— Jason Morimoto '02, Library Board member

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“

ah, my favorite Morrison Library!”

— Anna Marie Robinson on Facebook

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For me, the coffee chats have been an educational experience, a way to learn more about the breadth of the Library’s programs, in depth, from the experts who are involved in doing what they do. I just find this really fascinating.”

— Tom Koster
M.S. ’71, Library Board member

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The Bancroft Library’s commitment to documenting the vast diversity of California and the West resonates deeply with me. I’m so excited to work together with Library colleagues to continue building diverse collections and providing wide access to Berkeley’s world-class special collections, services, and programs.”

— Kate Donovan, new director of The Bancroft Library and associate university librarian for special collections

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The university librarians were truly heroes! My unending thanks to @UCBerkeleyLib!”

— Laurie Pearce (@pearcele on Twitter), lecturer, Department of Middle Eastern Languages and Cultures





Welcome home

As they have for more than a century, Cal students share tables and silence amid the vaulted grandeur of Doe Library's North Reading Room.

Toppling paywalls

This year, the University of California continued its campaign to make more research available for free to everyone. With leadership from the Library, UC had reached open access agreements with 14 publishers in total — including deals with Wiley, the American Chemical Society, and SAGE Publishing.

Data, demystified

► The Library Data Services Program, or LDSP, meets the myriad data-related needs of students and other researchers by offering support in a multitude of ways, from acquiring datasets to publishing data to providing personalized consultations. This year, LDSP held workshops — taught by students, for students — on data analysis. With generous support from the Templeton World Charity Foundation, LDSP is partnering with the Berkeley Initiative for Transparency in the Social Sciences for a free public webinar series that promotes data transparency and reproducibility in social science research.

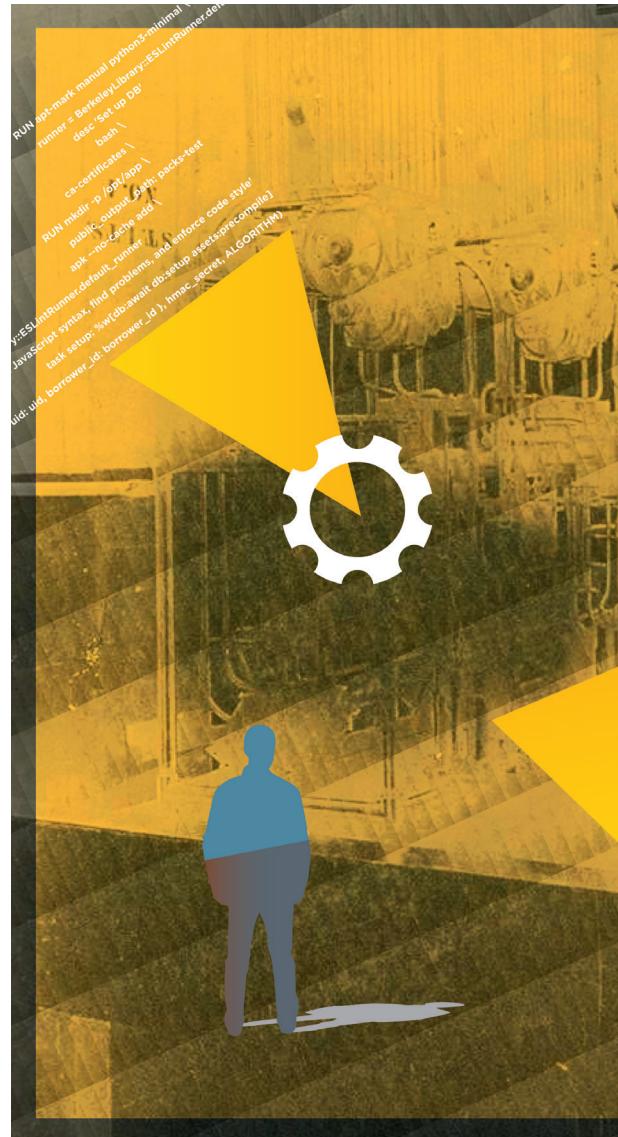


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Archiving amid upheaval

In 2021, amid the Taliban takeover of the presidential palace in Kabul, Afghanistan, the Library set the gears in motion on a new project. The mission? To archive websites at risk of erasure under Taliban rule. The archive includes tweets from journalists, and the websites of news outlets, institutions of higher education, and governmental entities.

At a screen near you

By scanning materials and making them available online, the Library is opening up its information and artifacts to people worldwide. Among the materials digitized or made available this year were period photographs of newspaper magnate William Randolph Hearst's Wyntoon and San Simeon estates, and Chinese rubbings dating from the late Ming dynasty into the 20th century.

'This is why I have so much hope'

At this year's Luncheon in the Library, the annual gathering honoring Library supporters, Alberto Ledesma — a scholar, author, artist, Cal alum, and assistant dean for diversity, inclusion, and equity in Berkeley's Division of Arts & Humanities — reflected on life as an undocumented immigrant, cartooning as a form of expression, and the power of leaning into fear.

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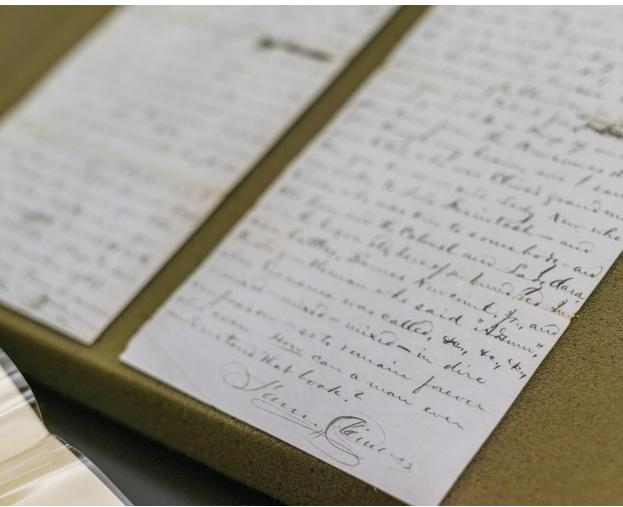


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An unexpected letter

More than a century after his death, Mark Twain is still finding ways to surprise. Through donor support, The Bancroft Library's Mark Twain Papers & Project last fall acquired a letter from the least-known period in the author's life. The 1861 missive from the then-25-year-old steamboat pilot is the oldest known letter Twain wrote to someone outside of his family.



Behind the headlines

The Daily Californian: The First 150 Years, an exhibit that opened in December 2021, charted the student newspaper's history over a century and a half, highlighting milestone moments, notable alumni, and reporting on everything from the People's Park protests to "The Play." Issues of the *Daily Cal* are available on the Library's Digital Collections portal (ucberk.li/explore).

Scholarship in action

This year's Charlene Conrad Liebau Library Prize winners for undergraduate research explored topics from speech and sexuality to questionable media coverage. The six papers were downloaded 119 times in their first month.

119



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BEAUTIFUL BAY AREA BY AARUSH

Bay on display

Cartography and creativity collided as the Earth Sciences & Map Library held its third annual mapmaking contest. Map the Bay invites students of all ages across the nine-county region to create maps with a connection to the Bay Area. Winning entries included a third grader's detailed depiction of transit and a high school student's artistic take on architecture.

To support research and scholarship, contact the Library Development Office at 510-642-9377 or give@library.berkeley.edu.

Of milestones and multitudes

It was a year of milestones. Our libraries reopened; UC Library Search launched, unifying collections from libraries across the University of California; and our website got a bold makeover, improving aesthetics and accessibility. All the while, we continued to deepen our collections, offer research help and instruction, provide free digital textbooks to students, and share our materials with the world. It's true: We contain multitudes. Here are just a few of the ways.

1,157,894

Visits to Doe Library

Doe Library received more than a million visits this year, racking up 8,980 visits on Aug. 25, 2021, the first day of fall instruction.

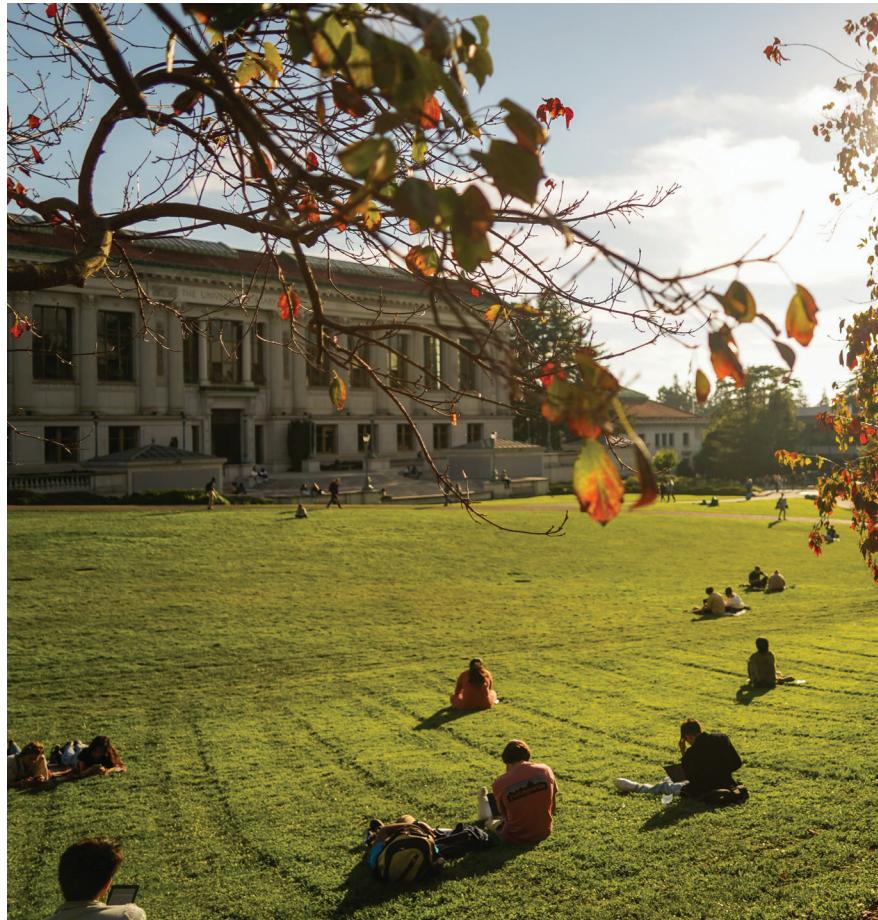


13,890,919

Volumes in the Library's collections

The Library continued to build upon its vast collections, ending the year with nearly 14 million volumes, including 2,098,896 e-books.

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2,424,890

Images scanned

The Library scanned more than 2 million images as part of its digitization efforts, with 1,969,442 images scanned in-house and 455,448 images scanned with the help of vendors. The Library continued to make its treasures available to all, adding 58 new collections to its Digital Collections portal (ucberk.li/explore).



46,778

Enrollments in classes served by e-reserves

Classes enrolling more than 40,000 students and spanning 77 departments benefited from the Library's program that provides students with free digital versions of the articles, books, and videos they need for their classes.

572

Student workers

The Library, among the campus's leading employers of students, had a workforce that included more than 500 students, with roles such as analyzing and visualizing data, and engaging the public through tours.

4,254,238

Website pageviews

The Library's website served visitors worldwide, with more than 4 million pageviews this year.

19,150

Participants in Library instruction

The Library's instruction efforts garnered more than 19,000 participants. The Library also provided 28,188 reference consultations.

5 REASONS TO SUPPORT THE LIBRARY

1

Access for all

Through landmark open access agreements and vast digitization, the Library is ensuring that its materials are available to people worldwide.

2

Student sanctuary

Berkeley's 20-plus libraries connect more than 45,000 students with welcoming places to study and expert research support from librarians.



3

Pay it forward

With its wide array of resources, the Library helps students and scholars ask good questions and develop solutions that benefit society.

4

Preserving history

The Library safeguards the historical truth and conserves materials for study by the scholars of the future.

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Gifts matter

Since 2003, student enrollment has increased 40 percent while Library funding has fallen by 47 percent.*



* Inflation-adjusted funding from campus per student

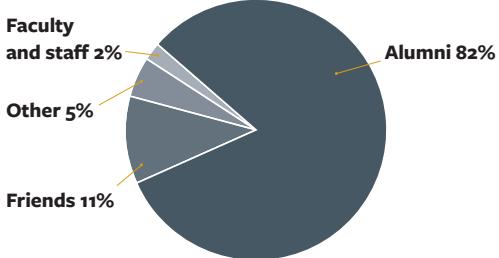


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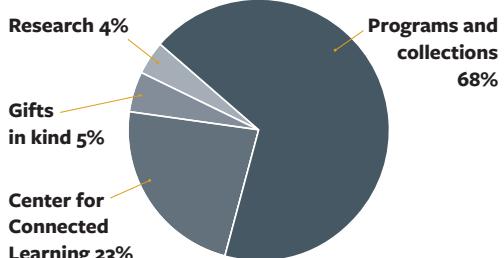




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Total giving FY 2021-22



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In many ways, the Library embodies the very best of what Berkeley has to offer. With your help, we can ensure the Library will continue to serve its important role for years to come.”

— Nancy Foster,
Library Board
member and
Cal parent

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