



# BETWEEN THE PAGES

## Architectural Collection highlights Texas Tech campus

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The Architectural Documentation collection includes plans, drawings and other forms of visual records about the construction and renovations of campus buildings and other Lubbock and West Texas area sites. The Architecture Library has grown this collection to complement the Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library's architectural materials.

The campus documentation has been utilized in studio courses concerned with designing renovations and additions for the Huckabee College of Architecture building, using the original blueprints and renovation packages to uncover construction decisions and investigate shifting technological and pedagogical needs over the years. This semester students are undertaking a new collaborative design

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### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

## Jordan Kohl Taylor



*Jordan Kohl Taylor is our latest recipient of the George and Linda McMahon Endowed Scholarship and the H.L.P. Moore Memorial Scholarship. Learn about Kohl's life as a lover of history and education by scanning the code.*



# Message from the Dean

The fall semester is well under way, and it is an exciting time on the Texas Tech campus. With more than 41,000 students - record-breaking enrollment - the libraries are brimming with activity.

It is also exciting as Texas Tech looks toward what sustainable campus growth will look like over the next century. In partnership with design strategists DumontJanks, Texas Tech's institutional goals, land use, infrastructure needs and more are being analyzed to allow the university to better create communities of scholarship in the coming years.



After months of gathering information and meeting with stakeholders across campus, DumontJanks in October shared recommendations and solicited feedback on those recommendations from students, faculty and staff in a series of meetings and town halls.

An integral part of all future planning is clear; the University Library is at the heart of campus activities and student life and will continue in that role in future planning. Situated along key campus corridors, the University Library will be central to all communities of scholarship allowing for maximum collaborative opportunities.

And with Texas Tech's ever-increasing focus on research, the University Libraries will continue to be instrumental in the forward momentum of the university.

*Earnstein Dukes, Dean  
Texas Tech University Libraries*

# A historic campaign

At Texas Tech, we believe in the profound impact of transformation. Through the On & On campaign, the University Libraries are deeply committed to empowering students, advancing research, and enriching the academic experience. The Libraries aren't just buildings—they are the heart of Texas Tech's dedication to excellence, innovation, and making a lasting difference in our community.



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spaces to learn and grow. When you contribute, you help shape the next generation of resilient leaders—those who will go on to transform their fields and make meaningful contributions to their communities.

This campaign is about more than just resources; it's about creating spaces where collaboration thrives, discoveries are made, and personal growth is nurtured. Your donations help us build these dynamic, welcoming environments that fuel the creativity and curiosity that define Texas Tech.

Your generosity transforms lives. It empowers students to chase their dreams and helps us forge a future where Texas Tech leads in global research, innovation, and leadership. Thank you for being part of this journey, and for believing in the power of transformation. To learn more about the Historic "On & On" campaign, please visit: [bit.ly/onandoncampaign](https://bit.ly/onandoncampaign).

*Brad Davis  
Associate Director of Development*

## LETTER PRESS EXHIBIT



*An exhibit at the Southwest Collection showcases the history of the Gutenberg printing press and the earliest prints developed from the method.*

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building and have consulted a variety of campus buildings including the University Library to pull inspiration from layouts, detailing and ornamentation.

The Lubbock documentation has been beneficial for students in a variety of courses to critically consider the history, growth and revitalization potential for areas of the city. Students have responded to the tactile nature of the collection, being able to feel the heft of the mylar, flip through a set of blueprints to find a specific plan, and see sketches and architectural hand lettering in person.

In the future, the Architecture Library would like to acquire moveable storage cases to allow the utilization of collections materials beyond the library to enrich course instruction and outreach. We would also like to grow the collection to cover more areas and time periods of Lubbock and West Texas and highlight the range of document and materials types used throughout the years for architectural documentation.

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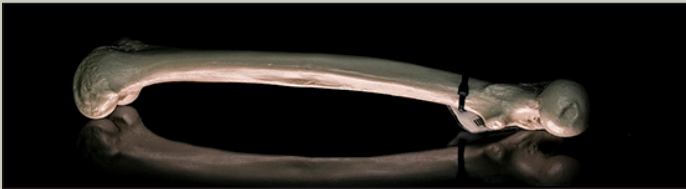
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## ANATOMY MODELS



*Midway through the Fall 2024 semester, the University Libraries' Anatomy Collection has surpassed the average aggregated total of items checked out, or loaned, per semester with an increase of almost 1,000 item reservations.*



*The Crossroads Recording Studio benefited from a recent Helen Jones Foundation grant with the acquisition of a new grand piano.*

## Crossroads Recording Studio: a Professional Studio at Texas Tech Libraries

*By Krystal Baker*

Thanks to the generous support of donors like Todd and Linda Smith, the Crossroads Recording Studio at Texas Tech University can serve students, faculty and staff from diverse disciplines, offering a versatile space for audio and music production. Aaron Prentice, the studio's unit manager, studied sound technology at South Plains College and has been with the studio since 2017. He brings a wealth of expertise in recording various genres and styles, including rock, jazz and singer-songwriter, as well as voiceovers and Foley work.

Newly hired audio engineer Travis Crofton joined the studio team in October 2024 with extensive experience in both studio recording and live sound production.

Walker Duke, a second-year business and marketing major, praises the studio for its comfortable environment and easy-to-use equipment. He mentions feeling very safe during his recording sessions.

One studio goal is to collaborate with the South Plains College Sound Technology program, as Prentice himself is an alumnus. Plans are in place to hire student assistants to offer hands-on experience for Texas Tech and South Plains College students studying recording techniques.

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## A.I. LITERACY @ LUNCHTIME



*Attendees of the AI Literacy @ Lunchtime series delve deep into Artificial Intelligence and the implications for Higher Education. Assistant Librarian Jenni Jacobs addresses the group.*

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## SCHOOL OF MUSIC STUDENT VISIT



*First-year students from the J.T. & Margaret Talkington College of Visual & Performing Arts engage with the University Library through a scavenger hunt.*

## A CLOSER LOOK



*Students from the Texas Tech Women's & Gender Studies program tour the Stacks in the University Library.*

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Tech students, faculty and staff will benefit from the addition of the Yamaha C3X to the studio. The studio's recent upgrades also include a high-quality microphones, and two studio guitars. These improvements have enhanced the studio's ability to accommodate a wide range of audio projects, from music albums to podcasts.

This highly sought-after resource is free to students. The studio's busiest times are in the fall semester, but class-related projects are prioritized during this time. High-quality gear is available for use while recording.

To donate toward the Crossroads Recording Studio, please visit: [https://bit.ly/Crossroads\\_studio](https://bit.ly/Crossroads_studio).

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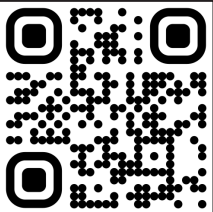


*The Southwest Collection/Special Collections Library ([bit.ly/SouthwestLibrary](http://bit.ly/SouthwestLibrary)) is one of the premier academic sports archives in the country and is home to the Southwest Athletic Conference collection, the National College Baseball Hall of Fame, the Big 8 and Big XII Conferences and more.*

## LEARNING CENTER IN THE RESEARCH HUB



*In collaboration with librarians, tutors from the Texas Tech Learning Center work with students in the Library's Research Hub.*



## A Simple Way to Support Students through the University Libraries

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