The library was located in the basement of Old Main. By 1902, the collection had grown to 6,000 volumes and 70 periodicals. With limited space, Old Main could no longer serve as the campus library.

The University of Arizona Libraries host a number of technology-rich collaborative spaces, including group study rooms, the University’s first collaborative learning classroom located in the Science-Engineering Library, and a makerspace with 3D printing. With more than 7 million volumes and state-of-the-art technology, library users have access to information and resources worldwide.

In 2002, the Information Commons on the 1st floor (extending underground into the new Integrated Learning Center) and an addition to the 5th floor were opened.

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