Homecoming Then (1972) and Now

Then: This year marks the class of 1972's 50th anniversary. Some of the students from "back in the day" are pictured above playing frisbee during Homecoming. Special Collections is featuring an exhibit dedicated to 1972. More about the exhibit.

Now: Homecoming Week 2022 is October 24-29. Take a 1-hour guided tour of the Student Success District on Friday, Oct. 28. The District centralizes resources and offerings in four buildings located in the heart of campus. Tours start in the Main Library which is part of the District. Four tours are available starting at 9am, 11am, 1pm, and 3pm. Sign up now for a tour.

You're invited to a family-friendly drop-in CATalyst Studios Maker Party at the Main Library on Saturday, Oct. 29, 10am-12pm. Make your own buttons, stickers, and keychains, or transport yourself to new places with virtual reality. Don't forget to commemorate your visit with a fun photo in our green screen room. Enjoy some light refreshments, too!

Homecoming 2022 activities

'Reclaiming the Border Narrative' receives $1.18 million grant

"Reclaiming the Border Narrative: Storytelling and Cultural Power for Migrant Justice," a partnership between Special Collections and the Confluencenter for Creative Inquiry, was awarded a $1.18 million Ford Foundation grant to develop and support a community-led digital archive.

Read full story.

$750,000 awarded to food as medicine pilot project

A two-year University of Arizona pilot project involving the Libraries, the School of Nutritional Sciences and Wellness, the College of Medicine – Phoenix, and Cooperative Extension, was awarded $750,000 to expand culinary medicine programs at the university and throughout Arizona.

Read full article.

Promoting open access promotes equal access

For Open Access Week, Oct. 24-30, we're offering two virtual workshops on open access topics. Registration is required.

10/26: How You Can Support Open Research
10/27: Open Access & Predatory Publishing

Our commitment to 'open'

Midterm student support activities a win

Shoutout to all students who powered through midterms! We hope the Pause for Paws event with therapy pups (and Jack the cat) from Pet Partners of Southern Arizona, snacks, 5-minute back rubs from Stressbusters, and our drop-in reference help offered some relief.
Upcoming library events

Free access to online New York Times now available
In support of our commitment to open access, faculty, students, and staff can now access The New York Times online for free through a subscription provided by the University of Arizona Libraries. Students have access through December 31 of their graduation year, while faculty and staff will need to renew their access every four years. Read full story

'Archive Tucson' captures oral histories before they're gone
Our oral historian and digital media producer Aengus Anderson has spent the past five years and logged more than 450 hours recording the city's stories. He's interviewed more than 100 people—and counting. "It's most exciting for me when I'm talking to someone, and I realize none of this is in the record somewhere else," Anderson said. Read full story

Celebrating 70 years of 'Bear Down, Arizona'
Seventy years after its first performance during a 1952 pep rally in downtown Tucson, "Bear Down, Arizona" remains a staple of nearly every Wildcats celebration. Stop by the Special Collections Reading Room Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm to see the free exhibit featuring the original composition. Read full story

Grant highlights diversity, representation in digitized media
A $290,988 National Endowment of Humanities grant was awarded to the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records and the Libraries to digitize 100,000 pages of historical Arizona newspapers, including newspapers published by diverse and historically underrepresented communities. Read full story

Health Sciences Library space refresh project underway
The project uses student input and includes paint, furniture, and light upgrades. It will last throughout fall. Most of the work will occur Monday through Friday, from 5am-3:30pm. Visitors can expect paint fumes and some noise. More project info
American Archives Month: Animals in Archives

Our Special Collections student employees coordinated "Animals in Archives" to celebrate American Archives Month in October. Images have been shared exclusively on social media, including the above, "Mother cat nurses puppy with her kittens" (1960).

Libraries closed on Veterans Day

In observance of Veterans Day, Main and Weaver Libraries and Special Collections will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11. Health Sciences Library is CatCard access only for University of Arizona Health Sciences affiliates. Normal hours resume on Saturday.

View Library hours

Our Libraries

Come work with us

Did you know?

In addition to librarians, we're also hiring staff who support the daily operations in all library departments. Come join our team, we're a fun group.

View open positions

Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge the University of Arizona is on the land and territories of Indigenous peoples. Today, Arizona is home to 22 federally recognized tribes, with Tucson being home to the O'odham and the Yaqui. Committed to diversity and inclusion, the University strives to build sustainable relationships with sovereign Native Nations and Indigenous communities through education offerings, partnerships, and community service.