In 2009-2010, the University of Arkansas Libraries . . .

- Held 1.9 million volumes, 5.5 million microforms, 27,500 journals subscriptions, and 14,770 linear feet of manuscript collections.
- Received more than $871,000 in gifts and endowments this fiscal year—a 54 percent increase over the previous year, including 1,600 pledges, more than 700 of which were first-time library donors. The Libraries also saw a 10 percent increase in the number of gifts-in-kind, with a total value of $77,770.
- Recorded 894,613 people entering Mullins, an average of 108 more patrons per day than last year.
- Logged 6.6 million remote uses of library database collections, a 19% increase over the previous year. Remote users were 42.6% undergraduate, 42.4% graduate students, and 9.4% faculty.
- Launched LibGuides, interactive research guides tailored to specific classes, topics, or programs. More than fifty topic guides were developed to enhance access to resources and tools.
- Increased “fans” on Facebook by 417% and views of library instruction videos on YouTube by 225%.
- Acquired fifty-eight new manuscript collections comprising 514.25 linear feet of material and processed fifty-two collections, comprising 1,520 linear feet.
- Digitized fifty speeches from the J. W. Fulbright collection and the Commonwealth College Fortnightly (1923-1940), the newsletter of a historic labor college located near Mena, Arkansas.
- Hired Amy Allen as the first full-time University Archivist in Special Collections. The archivist’s charge includes collecting, managing, and maintaining the University of Arkansas Archives.
- Assisted 4,127 researchers in Special Collections who used 15,286 items from the collections. Of those researchers, 53% were from universities while 47% were from businesses, media, government agencies, libraries, museums and the general public.
- Recorded 35,000 searches in Index Arkansas, compared to 8,640 searches in 2004, the year it was launched.
- Added “Cite This,” “Bookmark This” and “Text to Your Phone” buttons to all library catalog records. The “Text to Your Phone” service was used more than 6,000 times during the year.
- Delivered 2,610 articles to faculty digitized from the Libraries’ own collections—an average of 218 per month.
- Loaned 2,857 books and delivered 2,264 articles electronically to patrons at other Arkansas libraries through Interlibrary Loan (by comparison, the Libraries borrowed 65 books and 580 articles from Arkansas libraries for use by our patrons). The Libraries also loaned 34,887 items to borrowers around the country.
- Hosted the following events: Archives Month Open House in Special Collections, receptions for the opening of the Diane Blair Papers and for Fort Smith artist John Bell, Jr., a student film festival in honor of National Library Week, and a book signing and program titled “We Surely Owe a Debt to These Long Downtrodden People: The Accidental Founding and Amazing Survival of Southland College” featuring Dr. Thomas Kennedy as a part of “Collections and Connections” lecture series, sponsored by Special Collections.
- Received a large collection of music materials from the St. Scholastica Monastery library, donated by the Dr. James D. Mashburn Music Library, a division of the Mashburn Scholarship Foundation.