

# FROM THE DIRECTOR



Greetings from the Simmons University Library! Within this Annual Report you see the dynamic services and wide-ranging resources offered by the Library. Whether you engaged with us in person or online, we endeavored to support your needs with fresh approaches to our perennial offerings.

Many of you stopped by our pop-up reference desk during the final exams period to get research support from a librarian, a service we offered in the Spring as well. To complement our Research Guides on academic subjects and courses, we now offer Community Guides on topics of importance and interest to you, including the Activist's Toolkit. Online exhibits from the University Archives expand the reach of the institution's history, and we celebrate the works of our community with a newly developed Simmons Authors collection on the first floor.

On behalf of the staff of the Simmons University Library, I extend our gratitude for a successful year.

Every good wish,

*Vivienne B. Piroli*

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## Simmons UNIVERSITY

### University Library

#### Our Mission

The Simmons University Library is an active participant in the student learning experience, an essential component of a Simmons education, and a vital asset to the University, fostering an institution-wide culture of academic inquiry and knowledge cultivation.

#### Our Commitment

We are committed to the support of teaching and learning; inclusivity and accessibility; sustainability; and thought leadership and professional engagement.

#### Regular Hours

Monday–Thursday 7:30AM–10:00PM  
Friday 7:30AM–8:00PM  
Saturday 9:00AM–8:00PM  
Sunday 10:00AM–10:00PM

Beatley Library  
Lefavour Hall - Level 1  
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# SIMMONS LIBRARY

**147,700** books  
**38,800** eBooks  
**51,000** journals  
**123** databases  
**33** new collections accessioned into the University Archives

**\$1.18 million** spent on materials for the Simmons community

**21** student workers employed  
**4** interns hosted

HOSTED EVENTS  
 Women Activists  
 Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon  
 Poet Chrysanthemum Tran  
 Panopticon Blackout Poetry  
 Progressive Librarians Guild  
 Meet & Greet: Protest Art



The Library's Silent Study Room is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

# SIMMONS STUDENTS

**756,565** articles accessed over electronic resources platforms

**2,550** questions asked at the Service Desk

**1,750** questions via e-mail and chat

**5,555** books borrowed

**10,900** reserve items checked out

**3** visits with therapy dogs 🐾

**3,640** books and articles requested through interlibrary loan

**12,960** Library Group Study Rooms bookings

**253,700** Research Guides hits

**52** zines created in classes

**276** theses and dissertations submitted to the Archives digital repository



The Library has 88 computer workstations on two floors.



Students work in one of the Library's 20 Group Study Rooms.

# SIMMONS LIBRARIANS

**2,640** students reached with instruction sessions focused on the use of library resources

**123** classes visited

**380** research consultations held

...served on University committees, including the Diversity and Inclusion Action Council, the Accessibility Task Force, and Staff Council

...reached out to the community through social media and program-specific newsletters

**8** articles published and professional presentations delivered

**5** times served as panelists or moderators at conferences

**8** professional committees served on, including a consortium of academic and special libraries