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
Library Director
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

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 9
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

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

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

The Library has 88 computer workstations on two floors.